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'OIL POWER POLITICS' IN MIDDLE EAST

UNCLE SAM'S INFILTRATION TACTICS UPSET JOHN BULL

NEW YORK March, 10.

The U. S. Government is manifestly entering the foreign oil business by the back door, said The "New York Times" today.

"If we go still further, the question of extra territorial rights will inevitably be raised and we may be faced with a problem of so many Hongkongs.

Better than this would be some form of the international control of the world's oil and just allocation in accordance with individual national needs.

If discussions between Britain and the United States result in something better than old Imperialism, the way may be paved for an amicable settlement of the question of access to all essential materials."

OIL FOLLOWS MANDATE

LONDON: The "Economist" says that American interest in Middle Eastern affairs, including oil is not new though it has been somewhat spasmodic In 1919 and 1920 as now the United States had one of its periodic scares about the threatened exhaustion of the United States petroleum reserves and the Anglo-French "monopoly" in the Middle East caused hot indignation until American interests secured quarter interest in the Mosul field. Moreover in a Wilsonian enthusiasm the U. S. Government undertook political commitments in the Middle East for example the Armenian Mandate, but all desire for political responsibility vanished after Wilson, and later, oil development occurred under the British administration and the general safeguard of the British Navy and the British Middle Eastern air force. Relations between American oil companies and the British authorities were uniformly cordial and happily symbolised at Bahrein, where American capital developed oil, while the British resident kept peace. The present war opened a new phase. Since May, 1942 the Middle East supply centres has been a joint Anglo-American Agency of great value. It is no coincidence that the real advance in Arab Federation plans dates from the establishment of the supply centre. The latter seemed a model for post-war Middle Eastern co-operation.

Two 1944 events make the issue much more doubtful firstly Mr. Ickes' pipeline agreement, second, the introduction of resolution in Congress about Jewish immigration in Palestine, though Gen. Marshal cut the discussions short. These two sudden American incursions into the Middle Eastern politics so out of keeping with the close co-operation the British hitherto pursued at Washington and Cairo urgently raise the question what post-war course Americans will follow in the Middle East. The pipeline would not necessarily tie the U. S. Government's hands any more than did the Armenian Mandate, nevertheless one definite sign is that the United States intends a permanent intervention in Middle Eastern affairs. American acceptance of a definite responsibility would valuably help to stabilise Middle Eastern politics, but an unilateral, spasmodic and uninformed intervention would be worse than isolationism.

Unhappily, the two recent excursions into Middle Eastern politics show little sign of forethought and even less desire to co-ordinate American with the British policy.

The pipeline is no threat to British oil interests. Marketing agreements already cover most of the British and American oil companies, and the development of new oilfields in Saudi Arabia will not affect Anglo-Iranians' holdings. Yet the manner of announcing the pipeline scheme showed no prior consultation with the British nor any attempt to relate the new scheme with the interests of the Middle East as a whole. The Jewish immigration case is much more serious. The solution of the Jewish National Home problem depends upon Arab Federation, soil fertility, the rising living standards, freedom of immigration to other parts indeed it is a European, or world, as much as a Palestinian problem. In discussing the resolutions on the British White Paper, the Congress afforded itself the luxury of criticising where it has no intention of constructive action, and proposing solutions which it has neither the power nor the intention to enforce. From Britain's and all Middle Eastern people's standpoint, another American withdrawal from the whole area would be better than this model of American intervention; yet such retrogression would be tragic. The British eagerly welcome any American co-operation based on full understanding. Oil, Palestine and other problems can only be solved co-operatively. Oil development may decide whether the Middle East's economic expansion progresses regionally or is narrowly Nationalist, which in turn may decide the possible immigration rate into the Levant and thus problem of Jewish National Home. Close Anglo-American collaboration could make the Middle East the world's new model of great power understanding and small power prosperity.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT STANDS BY ZIONISTS

America Never Approved British White Paper On Palestine

WASHINGTON, March 10: Rabbais Stephen Wise and Abra Silver, representing the Zionist-Palestine movement said to-day that President Roosevelt had authorized them to make this statement:

"The American Government has never given its approval to the White Paper of 1938.

"The President is happy that the doors of Palestine are to-day open to Jewish refugees. When future decisions are reached full justice will be done to those who seek a Jewish national home for which our Government and the American people have always had the deepest sympathy—and to-day more than ever in view of the tragic plight of hundreds of thousands of homeless Jewish refugees."—Reuter.

Mavlanker Released

AHMEDABAD, March 10.

Mr. G. V. Mavlanker, speaker of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, who had been detained in Sabarmati jail since August 1942, was released to-day unconditionally.—Reuter.

SECURITY DEMAND ON SANGLI PRESS

SANGLI, March 10.

The State Government has served a notice on Mr. S. T. Mali, printer and publisher of the Marathi Weekly "Viswas", under the Sangli Press emergency Powers Act, requiring him to pay a security of Rs. 500 within two weeks. This action has been taken, it is learnt, on the publication of a report and comment in the paper about the alleged resignation of some members of the Sangli police force.—A. P.

GRAVE FOOD SITUATION IN E. KHANDESH

JALGAON, March 9.

The East Khandesh District is faced with a grave food situation owing to the partial crop failure this year.

Statistics for the current year show that the monthly deficit roughly amounts to 8,000 tons of millets.

The system of rationing is now working only at eight places in the district and it is felt that it must be extended to many more towns and the bigger villages in order to ensure a regular supply of food grains.

The Jalgaon Rationing authorities have effected a reduction of 33 per cent in the price of jowar and 20 per cent in that of wheat during the current week at Jalgaon.—A. P.

Dr. Deshmukh's Suggestion To Congress Party

BOMBAY, March 10.

On the eve of his departure to Delhi on Saturday to attend the budget session of the Assembly, Dr. G. V. Deshmukh in a statement says, "We are going to make the Congress Party respected in the Assembly. I am going to suggest to the party that Congress members should take part in the voting for the members to the different Committees of the Central Legislature."—A. P.

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DE VALERA REFUSES TO OBLIGE WASHINGTON?

No Marching Orders To German & Jap Legations

LONDON, March 10: Regarding the Irish reports that the United States recently presented a note to the Eire Government urging that the German and Japanese diplomatic missions there should be withdrawn since they might operate as dangerous centres of espionage in connection with the Allied second front plans and the rumour that the British Government had supported the American "Demarche", Reuter's diplomatic correspondent says:

"No official confirmation has been forthcoming in London of these reports which give no indication of the attitude taken up by the Eire Government."

ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN EIRE

WASHINGTON, March 10.

The Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull said at a press conference here to-day that the State Department was taking up the question of closing the Axis legation in Dublin.

The United States' Minister in Dublin was discussing the question with Irish authorities, Mr Hull added.

The State Department expected to have news for correspondents to-morrow.

Mr. Hull said that he was taking the matter up in all its aspects. He was replying to questions put by correspondents concerning espionage activities in Eire.—Reuter.

De Valera's Reactions

LONDON, March 10.

It is reported unofficially in London that reactions of Mr. De Valera and the Government of Eire to the United States representations were "forthright and immediate" says Reuter's Special Correspondent.

In the Eirean view, so long as Eire remains neutral and maintains diplomatic relations with Germany and Japan, the legations representing the interests of these states must remain in Dublin. Mr. De Valera, in following the policy of neutrality, has had the support of a great majority of his people, and there is no possibility of any departure from that policy. It may therefore be assumed that the Eirean Government has not acceeded, and is not likely to accede, to the American request.

What action the American State Department will now take raises a dramatic riddle.

"Diplomatic gags" passing from Japanese and German legations in Ireland offer a most convenient channel through which information gathered by Axis agents may be transmitted without interference to Berlin.—Reuter.

90,000 MINERS STILL IDLE

No New Move To End Welsh Coal Deadlock

LONDON, March 10.

90,000 miners in the Welsh coalfield were still idle to-day, many thousands having been on strike on Monday.

The Ministry of Fuel and Power in Wales stated to-day that the strike was "just a little worse".

Few more anthracite pits were idle and only about four collieries in that area are working. A few steam coal pits are also still operating but the whole coalfield is virtually at a standstill.

No new move to end the deadlock is expected until to-morrow when 250 delegates from miners lodges go to Cardiff to hear the explanations of their president Arthur Horner of the Government's offer to remove some of their grievances.

"RESUME WORK" ORDERS

SYDNEY, March 10.—New South Wales' Miners executives to-day endorsed the direction of the Central Council of Miners Federation to 9,500 miners on strike to return to work on Tuesday and strikers mass meetings are expected to confirm the 'resume work' orders.

The Commonwealth Government has decided to release nearly all interned Italians to work with the Civil Aliens Corps if medically fit or to return home and work under manpower direction if unfit.

FESTIVAL MATCH IN AID OF RED CROSS

BOMBAY, March 10.

The festival match in aid of the Red Cross Fund arranged by the Baroda Cricket Association is to be played on March 11, 12, 13 and 14. Lt.-Col. C. K. Nayudu and Professor D. B. Deodar will captain the sides. Below is given a list of the players of the respective teams.

PROF. DEODHAR'S TEAM:

Prof. D. B. Deodhar; R. B. Nimbalkar; Amir Elahi, V. S. Hazare (Senior), S. W. Sohoni, Vinoo Mankad, H. R. Adhikari, R. H. Modi, M. N. Raiji, M. N. Paranjpe and M. N. Naidu.

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C. K. Naidu, D. D. Hindlekar, T. S. Naidu, Mustaq Ali, S. N. Banerjee, J. N. Nagmal, G. Khishenchand, Gul Mahomed, Prithviraj, Gaekwar and H. G. Pawar.

Messrs. J. R. Patel and M. G. Bhave will officiate as umpires.—A.P.

Lin Yutang At Anandbhawan

Planning To Write Book On India

(From Our Special Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, March 10.

Dr. Lin Yutang arrived in Allahabad from Calcutta and was received at the station by Smt. Indira and Mr. Feroze Gandhi. He is staying at Anand Bhawan. To the "Chronicle" representative who travelled with him from Calcutta the famous Chinese writer expressed profound regret that he was unable to meet Pt. Nehru, for whom he has tremendous admiration. "Still it is a privilege to stay at the historic Anand Bhavan as the guest of the Nehru family" he said.

Dr. Lin Yutang who is returning from China after five months' trip is planning to write a book about "India and China" on return to America.

He spent a week in Calcutta, but was laid up with gout. He has cancelled Delhi and Agra trip. He leaves by plane to America from Calcutta after visiting Benares and Gaya.

The local Chinese community is giving him a dinner party to-night. Another big party in his honour is fixed at Anand Bhavan to-morrow. Dr. Lin Yutang met Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru at a tea party given by Sir Tej this evening at his residence.

It is learnt that Dr. Lin Yutang had met Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in 1938 in Paris, and since then has been a great admirer of his and has deepest interest in India.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru entertained Dr. Lin Yutang at tea. Among those present were Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit, Mrs. and Mr. Firoz Gandhi and Dr. Benjprasad. Mrs. Indira Gandhi and Firoz Gandhi will entertain Dr. Lin Yutang to-morrow at an at home at Anand Bhuvan. Dr. Lin Yutang will proceed to Calcutta on March 12 after halting at Benares for visiting Sarnath Temple.

Ramirez Resigns

BUENOS AIRES, March 10.

President Ramirez has resign.

Following the resignation, a meeting of the Supreme Court will be held to-day to consider the situation.

General Ramirez has left the official Presidential Villa at Olivos where he had been living since he delegated his functions to General Farrell.—Reuter

AIR ATTACK ON CENTRAL BURMA

46 Jap Planes Destroyed: Patrol Activity In Arakan

NEW DELHI, March 10.

A Japanese force attacked a British Headquarters in the early hours of yesterday morning. "The Japs numbered about a hundred", an officer told a 14th Army observer on the Arakan Front.

A Major took charge of a battery of bren and sten guns and accounted for at least five Japs. Altogether we reckon we killed 14 Japs and wounded over 20 others before they finally made off."

During the last 24 hours there have been only minor actions in the South and centre of the 14th Army fronts, says a "communique" issued by Allied Headquarters South East Asia Command, to-day. In the Arakan, activity has been mainly confined to patrols.

Up to noon March 9 the American infantry forces in north Burma had killed 600 to 700 Japanese and suffered 7 killed and 37 wounded. The Chinese 38th division moving down the east flank of the Hukawng valley continued their push southward. Fighting with retreating Japanese was in progress at Ginsweng Ga and other Chinese units moved on Payawn. Much enemy supply was captured and heavy casualties inflicted in the 22nd Division push against Kumnyen Ga.

46 JAP PLANES DESTROYED

U. S. medium and fighter bombers and R.A.F. fighters of the tactical air force co-operated in a series of raids on the 8th and 9th of March and on the night of 8th/9th March against Shwebo, Anisakan and Onbauk airfield in central Burma. A highly successful action resulted. Preliminary reports indicate that in the whole series of attacks a total of 46 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

Fighters, fighter bombers and dive bombers attacked enemy positions and communications in the Kaladan, Arakan, Chindwin and north-west Burma areas on the 8th and 9th of March and the night of 8th/9th March. There was one heavy dive bombing attack on a Japanese headquarters which caused a large explosion. Long range fighters continued their attack on communications in South Burma.

From all these operations one Allied aircraft is missing.—A. P.

On Pacific Front

ALLIES OCCUPY MAGINE ISLANDS

NEW YORK, March 10.

Unopposed Allied occupation of Magine Islands off the Allied beachhead at Empress Augusta Bay Bougainville, in the Solomons on February 27 was announced to-day.—Reuter.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND SHAH OF IRAN

TEHERAN, March 10: Following the promotion of the British Legation here to Embassy, the British Minister Sir Reader Bullard to-day presented his credentials as Ambassador to the Shah of Iran.—Reuter.

PESHAWAR, March 10.

His Excellency the Governor of the N.W.F.P. has appointed an election tribunal with Mr. Khan, I.C.S., Sessions Judge, as chairman to hear the election petitions. The two other members of the tribunal are Mr Sher Ali Khan, Advocate, Mardan and Mr. Ataullah Khan, Advocate of Bannu.—A. P.

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NEW YORK, March 10.

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STOP PRESS

SOVIET CAPTURES UMAN

MOSCOW, March 11: The capture of Uman was announced in an Order of the Day issued by Marshal Stalin to-night.

Renewing Indo-Iranian Cultural Contacts

LEADER OF PERSIAN MISSION ON IMPRESSIONS AND OBJECTS OF THEIR VISIT

NEW DELHI, March 10.

His Excellency Ali Asghar Hikmat and other members of the Persian Cultural Mission met Press representatives here to-day, when the leader gave his first impressions of the country and explained something of the object of their visit.

His Excellency, who was once Minister of Education and is now a University Professor in the faculty of Science and Culture, said: "What interests me is its development, especially in scientific research and in education generally.

Yesterday, we visited the Delhi University and had a good impression of its organisation. This morning we visited the agricultural institute and found it very interesting. It is one of the institutions of which we want Iran to take the fullest advantage and we hope to send agricultural graduates from Teheran to this institute here to complete their education.

Asked about the general impression prevailing among the common people or Iran about the Indian people, His Excellency said that Persians remembered the age-old cultural contacts and racial affinities, but exact knowledge of present day India or Indian affairs was by no means common.

"The aim of our mission", said His Excellency, "is to establish and enlarge cultural relations between the two countries, and the success of our mission will result in giving to the people of Iran a better definition of India and the Indian people.

TAGORE AND IQBAL

Among great Indian personalities of modern times Poet Tagore was best known in Persia.

This was helped by two factors Firstly, Tagore's works had been translated into English and Tagore himself was a great writer in that language, which under present conditions, was the only medium of exchange of ideas between the intellectuals of the two countries. Asked about poet Iqbal, it was pointed out by one or two members of the mission that he was well-known but not many of his books circulated in Iran.

Speaking of Indians at present in Iran, the leader of the Mission said they were mostly businessmen. "We have not got enough Indians of the intellectual class", said His Excellency. He agreed that an increase in economic relations between the two countries would lead to a strengthening of cultural relations.

IRANIAN MISSION IN LAHORE

LAHORE, March 10.—The Iranian Cultural Mission consisting of M. Ali Asghar Hikmat, Prof. Ebrahim Poure Daoud and Prof. Rashid Yesemi arrived here from Delhi by air this afternoon.

During their two-day stay in Lahore the mission will visit the Punjab University, the Law College, the Govt. College and the Islamia College. They will leave for Aligarh on March 13.—A. P.

Reds Threaten Nazis With Encirclement

ALLIED NAVAL AID TO RUSSIA IN MURMANSK WATERS

MOSCOW, March 10: The German Southern Front—rent by the great victories of Marshal Zhukov and General Malinovsky—is today crashing about Manstein's armies. "The big squeeze' which the Germans have been trying to avoid for months has started. So far, it is succeeding all along the line.

The Germans, after the sweeping Soviet advances of the past twenty-four hours, now face a fourfold threat.

(1)—TARNOPOL bitter battles are now being fought in the streets of this important and old Polish town with Marshal Zhukov's men pushing back the Germans yard by yard.

(2)—PROSKUROV seventy-five miles to the east of Tarnopol, Marshal Zhukov's left wing, including the victors of Staro—Konstantinov are closing on Proskurov, the rail hub controlling one of the four railways to Rumania.

(3)—MINNITS Still farther to the east, troops of the first Ukrainian armies driving on from Kazatin are menacing Vinnitsa—on the second railway to Rumania.

(4)—At the other end of the front, General Malinovsky's army, after driving a huge wedge west of Krivoi Rog, are now driving on the great Black Sea port of Nikolaev and Kherson at the Dnieper mouth.

Two new "Korsun Traps" are developing within a vast encircling movement towards the Carpathians and pivoting on the railway town of Kazatin, a hundred miles south-east of Kiev. The most immediate threat is to the German armies who have clung on so long to the heavily out-flanked positions in the Dnieper bend.

At the same time, the Russians are presenting the Germans with an encirclement threat number 2, as they push them back towards Marshal Koniev's armies of the second Ukrainian front.

NEW YORK, March 10: The Associated Press to-day published a Washington Dispatch stating that it was learned there that it is now planned to transfer over a dozen British and American surface warships and a score of other naval craft to Russia for the duration of the war and leave the Italian fleet relatively intact in the Mediterranean where it is performing so well. When the Russians are instructed in the handling of these vessels, they will be put into service on the Murmansk route.

After the surrender of Italy, said the report, Allied leaders thinking that Turkey would soon be in the war had planned to send a third of the Italian ships to the Black Sea, but it has now been decided that the best results would be obtained by transferring an equivalent amount of British and American vessels.

Due to the American productive capacity, it appears that most of these ships will be American. Reuter adds that in the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister Mr. Churchill said that consideration had been given to the immediate reinforcement of the Soviet navy either from Anglo-American or Italian resources.—Reuter.

Kesselring Continues To Regroup His Forces

LONDON March 10.

Reuter's special correspondent cables:

At the advanced Allied headquarters in Italy over 15,000 German prisoners have been taken since the start of the Italian campaign. The Germans yesterday under the protection of the Red Cross Flag recovered their dead and wounded from the battlefield on which an American and a German patrol clashed in a dawn engagement on Wednesday.

Fighting patrols clashed on the beachhead yesterday. There was a minor British skirmish in the ravines southwest of Carroceto. On Wednesday night German planes were over the Beachhead. Only normal patrolling and artillery exchanges took place on the Fifth and Eighth Army Fronts Kesselring continues to regroup his forces in the rear areas of the Beachhead.

In Aid Of Red Cross

GOVERNOR OPENS A.-I. WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

14 Keenly Contested Bouts! 'Gama' Presented With 'Sanad'

BOMBAY, Friday.

Over 10,000 spectators witnessed 14 keenly contested bouts on the opening night of the All-India Wrestling Tournament held in aid of the Red Cross Fund, at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay, on Friday.

His Excellency Sir John Colville, the Governor of Bombay inaugurating the tournament said that he hoped everyone present would enjoy the programme.

Gama, the world champion was presented with a 'Sanad' which among other tributes to his wrestling talents and reputation said that he was the Rustam-e-Zaman and that he held the world title to the glory of his country.

HAMIDA TO MEET ARJUNSINGH

Though the bouts on Friday night were among comparatively lesser personalities in the Indian wrestling world, great fights are promised for Saturday night. Hamida who is considered to be one of the world's foremost wrestlers will be meeting Arjun Singh to-morrow night.

'On Sunday night Gunga the deaf and dumb marvel of India will figure in another fight.

It is expected that there will be a display of those holds that have enabled Gama and other Indian wrestlers to pin the greatest wrestlers of Europe and America, men like Zbised, Jess Peterson, John Lemn and Deriaz.

Gama is expected to give an exhibition of his prowess either to-morrow or day after.

RESULTS

The following are the results of to-nights bouts.

Jyoti (Shiravde) drew with Indurao Desai (Bombay).

Behram Irani (Bombay) beat Haboo (Sangli) in five minutes.

Manzood Hussein (Bholoo) beat Lal Pehelvan in four minutes.

Maruthi Gora (Ambeli) drew with Bandoo (Karad).

Shamoo (Kutrekar) drew with Dinker (Rodkar).

Bhavsha Haonje beat Vasant Deshpande in eight minutes.

Nath Boowa (Satara) beat Yeshwant (Karad) in three minutes.

Dharmoo (Chandak) drew with Babu.

Mehpad Tadaka (Bombay) beat Bapoo (Karad) in six minutes.

Jamboo drew with Shamoo Malik.

Hamida (son of Mehtalo) beat Nabebax (Aboo) in forty seconds.

Shanker (Kutrekar) beat Eknath (Ambeli) in five minutes.

Malapa Tadake beat Mohansingh in seven minutes.

Gansa (Sitar-e-Hind) beat Arjun Singh (Devi Hind) in three minutes.

CURTIN TO MEET CHURCHILL

CANBERRA, March 10: The Commonwealth Premier Mr. John Curtin told Parliament to-day that he was going to Britain for a conference with the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill.

He did not say when he would be leaving

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Mrs. Naidu Prayed For Speedy End

Was Eager To See Kasturba Escape Prolonged Agonies Of Death

NEW DELHI, Mar. 9.

Writing to Mr. Devadas Gandhi a few hours before the passing away of Shri Kasturba Gandhi, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, said:—

"What can anyone say at this time. The thoughts and prayers of the entire nation are centred round that lonely little man of sorrows who is called upon to watch and endure this most poignant and heart-breaking of all his life experiences.

You know my love for Ba. I pray that the gallant and suffering spirit might find quick release from the agony of her mortality and take its winged way to' her proper place in eternity among the great heroines of India—for in her simple, unpretentious, unlettered way she has been a very great contemporary figure. My love to her in this and all other lives."—A. P.

4 CHIMUR ACCUSED ACQUITTED ON APPEAL

Judges Give Dissenting Judgments In Cases Of 18

NAGPUR, March 10.

Justices W. R. Puranik and K. G. Digby delivered judgment in appeal one of the two Chimur cases.

Of the 36 appellants Their Lordships acquitted four and dismissed the appeals of 14, commuting the death sentence of one to transportation for life and confirming the death sentences of two of the latter 14.

The cases of the remaining 18 accused will be referred to a third judge as both Justices Puranik and Digby have given dissenting judgments in their cases.—A. P.

CITY CELEBRATIONS OF HOLI

BOMBAY, Friday.

Hindus in city celebrated Holi with usual merry-making and "Rangoli" to-day.

The Banks, Government offices, Police Courts and High Court were closed in observance of the festival. The Post and Telegraph offices functioned as usual.

There is more than one legend purporting to indicate the origin of the custom of lighting bonfires on the Holi day.

One is that in ancient times a demoness by name Holika used to kidnap and devour children which so incensed the people that they at least caught hold of her and burnt to ashes and the bonfire on the night of Holi is in celebration of that event

Month-Old Strike Of Primary Teachers

GONDIA, March 10.

The strike of 600 primary teachers of the Bhandara District Council which commenced one month ago still continues.—United Press.

Selections For Today's Races

RATIFIER LIKELY TO ANNEX AGA KHAN'S CUP.

(From Our Racing Correspondent)

Small-sized fields are due to go into action to-day at Mahaluxmi.

The Baroda-owned Ratifier is likely to annex the day's chief event, the Aga Khan's Cup.

The following are my selections:—

1st race: Blue Wonder 1. Love Me 2. Red Princess 3.

2nd race: Faiz 1. Bay Peter 2. Gold Gainer 3

3rd race: Rex 1. Gay Son 2. Snaky Hips 3.

4th race: Shree Ranjit 1. Princess Hamiyan 2. Danman Yunus 3.

5th race: Zindabad 1. Bubbles 2. Hectic 3

6th race: King's Jester 1. Happy Fate 2. Jaimangal 3.

7th race: Ratifier 1. Star of Gwalior 2. Fortunate Lad 3.

8th race: Firouze 1. Sardar Saheb 2. Passing Bell 3.

9th race: Royal Blood 1. Khan Bahadur 2. Philanthropist 3.

Dark Flukes: Peerless and Mohanmala.

20-YEAR ROAD PROGRAMME

Usman On Reconstruction Sub-committee's Report

NEW DELHI, March 9.

Fears of finance or other difficulties would not deter the Government of India, declared Sir Mohamed Usman Member for Posts and Air, commenting on the 20-year programme for building 400,000 miles of roads at a cost of Rs. 450 crores proposed by the Chief Engineers Conference held at Nagpur in December last year and the report of the Technical Sub-Committee of Postwar Reconstruction Committee.

The views expressed in the two reports which are now published were not those of Government, Sir Mohamed made clear at a press conference, but the Government were examining these reports in consultation with provincial Government and their own departmental experts.

It is recalled that the 10,000 crore plan of Indian Industrialists includes a programme of road development costing 2,413 crores, and envisaging an increase of road mileage to 600,000.

The development programme proposed by the Engineers Conference is divided in two parts, a long-term plan to give elaborate road communications throughout India and a short-term plan to deal with the immediate problems arising out of the war.

TOTAL LENGTH AND COSTS

The classification and other standards for the various roads have been laid down in the report. It is estimated that the total approximate lengths of hard crust roads will be 147,000 miles and of earth roads 253,000 miles, as against existing milages of about 79,000 and 163,000 respectively. The maintenance costs after completion of the programme are anticipated to be Rs. 16 crores.

The report visualises the possibility of using demobilised personal and machinery that would be available from army surplus. The immediate formation of a Road board is also suggested. The Board, will be guided in its policy by the recommendations of an Advisory Council.

RURAL TRANSPORT

The Transport Sub-Committee suggests a unified and co-ordinated transport policy, administered with the concurrence and co-operation of the provinces, and with the single purpose of providing efficient transport. This policy necessarily requires regulation and control of all forms of transport.—A. P.

POONA, March 9.

Mr. N. S. Naik, Secretary Poona Bus Workers' Union was arrested here yesterday under Rule 129 of the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

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The Jalpaiguri-Darjeeling Tea And Produce Distribution Company, Limited.,

JALPAIGURI

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PROSPECTUS

AUTHORISED CAPITAL..Rs. 5,00,000/- (Five Lakhs)

divided into 50,000 Ordinary shares of Rs. 10/- each of which Rs. 3/- is payable with application; Re. 1/- on allotment. And the balance Rs. 6/- in three equal instalments, payable at intervals of no less than one month.

DIRECTORS:

The Number of directors of the Company may be up to eleven with a minimum of three, and at present following gentlemen are on the Board forming the minimum strength with power to co-opt:—

(1) MR. BIRENDRA CHANDRA GHOSE, Tea Planter, Jalpaiguri; Hony. Addl. Secretary, The Indian Tea Planters' Association of Jalpaiguri, Managing Agent & Director of: Gopalpur Tea Company Limited, Malhati Tea Syndicate Limited, Kadambini Tea Company Limited Bijoynagar Tea Company Limited & Luxmikant Tea Company Limited; Director of: Amarawati Tea Company Limited & Ramjhora Tea Company Limited.

(2) MR. AKHIL B. ROY, B.L., Pleader & Planter, Jalpaiguri; Member, Executive Committee, The Indian Tea Planters' Association, Jalpaiguri and Director, Bengal Dooars National Tea Company Limited & Jadabpur Tea Company Limited.

(3) MR. SATIS CHANDRA KAR, Merchant, Siliguri (Darjeeling); Director-in-Charge, Southern Terai Tea Company Limited and Director, Prabartak Jute Mills Limited, Dass Corporation Limited & Acharyya Prafulla Chandra Cotton Mills; Member, Terai Indian Tea Planters' Association and Managing Partner, S. C. Kar & Co., Timber Merchants, Director:—United Iron & Engineering Works Ltd., Etc.

BANKERS:

The Central Bank of India Limited.

AUDITORS:

Mr. A. Rudra, B.Sc., B.L., G.D.A R. A., Jalpaiguri.

REGISTERED OFFICE:

JALPAIGURI (Bengal).

OBJECTS: The Company has been formed with the objects as set forth in its Memorandum of Association and in particular as its immediate object to carry on the business of purchase of Tea from Tea Gardens and from others to stock same in different centres throughout the Northern and Central India and to distribute same in cheapest containers to the consuming public with the addition of smallest possible costs.

PRELIMINARY: Tea is one of the world's most cheapest and wholesome beverage which is being consumed in larger quantities by the people year after year. India is not only self-sufficient in tea but the major portion of its produce is exported. Not even 25% of the produce of this country is consumed in the country itself but the potentialities of developing the tea consumption in India are immense.

WHY TEA REACHES CONSUMERS AT HIGH COST? The principal reason for the formation of the Company is to see that the tea reaches the consumer with the least of middlemen's profit and additional unnecessary expenditure. Probably it is not known to many that practically all the tea that is consumed in India does not go from the Factory to the consuming centres but are first sent down to Calcutta where they are stored in the Ware House, samples drawn, teas catalogued and then sold in auctions from which some buyers as representatives of traders of different parts of the country buy and then either after blending and packeting or in original containers sell them to the consuming public. The auction buyers do not pass the tea to the traders in the different parts of the country without keeping a decent margin for them and then again the traders also keep their margin before the tea is placed before the consumer.

PROPOSED MODE OF OPERATION: To reduce such unnecessary expenses and wastages and to assure a reasonable price for the producers and the buying cost of Consumer the Company therefore proposes to buy the tea mostly from the gardens direct and send them to the consuming centres direct without passing through the long (and cumbrous) channels enumerated above and to place the fresh tea at the quickest possible time in the hands of the consuming public. The promoters of the Company practically all of whom are of Jalpaiguri and are all connected with various Tea Estates intimately as Directors or as Managing Agents or otherwise and as such they are very intimately known to the Tea Producers of the two important producing centres of North-East India viz., the Dooars and the Darjeeling and also of Assam. JALPAIGURI Planters have gained the reputation of becoming the most successful INDIAN Tea Producers and their experience in the line is compelling them to turn their attention to tea distribution side as well on a large scale. The Promoters feel that if they can place the tea direct from garden to the consumers, not only they can put the tea in the consumer's cup at a cheap price but will also retain a decent margin of profit for the proposed Company giving at the same time, a better price to the producers than they usually get.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The special features of the Company are in its proposed operations which are generally as under:—

(1) Large scale distribution of fresh tea from garden direct to consumers without passing through costly intermediate channels and with the least expensive packing.

(2) Sufficient tea is proposed to be stored in no less than 40 large centres throughout Northern and Central India so that even temporary dislocation of communication would not affect supplies at a regular rate and at reasonable price.

(3) The addition to the purchase cost including Rly. freight packing etc. is estimated not to exceed -/3/- per lb. in arriving at the selling cost at the different centres.

(4) No fanciful blending,—selection of the right type of tea for the right centres and no unnecessary handling.

(5) Proposed operations would readily place fresh tea in the consumers' cup in smallest possible time.

(6) The Directors are all men having intimate knowledge of manufacture of tea and such knowledge would prove invaluable for the distribution side, a feature, so far unknown in the trade.

RESULTS OF CAPITAL EMPLOYED

Capital Outlay	Rs. 42,500/-
Working Capital	Rs. 4,57,500/-
	Rs. 5,00,000/-
Annual Gross Turnover of Tea expected	Rs. 24,75,000/-
Estimated Purchase-cost of Tea (Annual)	Rs. 20,25,000/-
Management Expenses & Taxes on Profit	Rs. 3,60,000/-
NETT Profit expected	Rs. 90,000/-

From the above it will be apparent that the Company will be able to pay a minimum dividend of at least 15% on the Capital Employed.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION: The minimum subscription upon which the Company will proceed to allotment is share of the Face Value of Rs. 25,000/- and nett realisation of Rs. 7,500/- thereof which in the opinion of the Directors is necessary for the commencement of business. The Directors and their friends having already taken shares worth more than the minimum subscription, the Company has commenced business.

PRELIMINARY EXPENSES: The Preliminary Expenses have been estimated at Rs. 7,500/-.

QUALIFICATION AND REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS: The qualification of a Director shall be his holding of shares of the Face Value of Rs. 1,000/- as provided in the regulation of the Company.

One third of the Directors shall retire every year who will be eligible for re-election.

The Directors shall be paid a sum of Rs. 20/- and actual travelling expenses for each Board's Meeting he attends. The Directors or Promoters have got no pecuniary interest in the Company save and except as shareholders or Director.

MANAGEMENT: The Management of the Company shall unless any Managing Agent be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the regulation of the Company, vest on the Directors who shall be assisted by a Manager, who shall be the principal officer of the Company.

COMMISSION & BROKERAGE: The Company is authorised to spend up to 10% on the subscription or procuration on shares which may be agreed to be subscribed or procured.

PROMOTION MONEY: No Promotion Money will be paid to any one.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES: Application for shares should be made in the accompanying form or as near thereto as may be, together with Rs. 3/- per share to the Registered Office of the Company or to any branch of the Central Bank of India Ltd.

Sd. B. C. GHOSE,
" AKIL BANDHU ROY,
" SATIS CHANDRA KAR,
Directors.

Dated, January 28th, 1944.

THE JALPAIGURI-DARJEELING TEA & PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION COMPANY, LIMITED.

Registered Office—JALPAIGURI

No. ..... Ledger No. ..... Money Receipt No .....

SHARE APPLICATION FORM

AUTHORISED CAPITAL—Rs. 5,00,000

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I/We intending to subscribe.....Shares in the Capital of the above-named Company remitting/depositing to the Manager/Banker ..... the sum of Rupees..... being the deposit required to be made on application and desire to be allotted ..... shares with such numbers of ..... share in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and I/we want to be registered as a member of the Company above-named in respect of the said Share or Shares or any less which may be allotted to me/us. I/We do hereby declare that I/we bind myself/ourselves to all the Provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company as it is which I/we have seen or as may be amended hereafter and undertake to make payment of all moneys to become due in respect of the shares that may be allotted to me/us and it is further declared that I/we shall accept such less number of share as may be allotted to me/us and shall be bound to get back any amount in excess of required deposit at my/our cost.

Yours faithfully,

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CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Falgun Vad 1, 2000.
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Parsi: Meher 9, 1313.
Sunrise: 7-52 a.m. Sunset: 7-45 p.m.
Hightide: 0-53, 13-02. Lowtide 6-58, 18-53.

To-day's Engagements

TEA PARTY TO TRADE COMMISSIONER TO U.S.A.: A tea party was given by Mr and Mrs. C. J. Bhavnani in honour of Mr. S. K. Kripalani, Trade Commissioner to U. S. A. at Taj Mahal Hotel on Thursday. The function was attended to by business magnates including Sir C. V. Mehta Sir Jehangir Boman Behram, Sir Ishwardas Laxmidas, Sheth Chatrabhuj Gordhandas, Sheth Vallabhdas Vissanji and many others.

Y. M. H. A.: Adjourned annual general meeting in the premises of the Association, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Girgaum, at 5 p.m.

HABIB HIGH SCHOOL: Annual athletic sports and physical training display at the Cooperage Ground, Fort, at 4 p.m. (S. T.) Hon. Mr. Justice M. C. Chagla will preside and Mrs. Chagla will give away the prizes.

MUSLIM AMBULANCE SOCIETY: Annual general meeting at 10-30 a.m. (S. T.). In the office of the Society.

KARNATAK SANGH: Mr. G. K. Gadre's talk on "Trends in modern Kannada poetry" at 6-0 p.m. in the premises of the Sangh, Sanzgiri Sadan, Girgaum, Bombay.

LECTURE ON VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY: Swami Sambuddhananda of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashram Khar will deliver a lecture on different schools of Vedanta Philosophy at Batliboi's Institute, Prescot Road, Fort, at 3-30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS CLASSES: Swami Sambuddhananda of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram will conduct a class on Bagwat Geeta at the Ramakrishna Mission Library Hall on Sunday, at 10 a.m. (N. S. T.). The Swami will also conduct a class on the gospels of Sri Ramakrishna (in Hindi and English) at the above hall on Sunday at 6-30 p.m.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN: Shri H. C. Bhayani, on 'Sandesarasak' in Gujarati at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan at 5-30 p.m.

GONDAL STATE SUBJECTS MEETING: A public meeting of the Gondal State subjects will be held at Begmohamed Baug Mohamedali Road to-morrow (Sunday) at 5 p.m. (N.S.T.) to mourn the sad demise of the Maharaja Sir Shree Bhagwatsinhji Bahadur who passed away on Thursday.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT: Course of Studies in International Relationship for High School and College teachers. The ninth lecture on "The United States of America and World Affairs" by Rev. E. M. Moffatt, M.A., Ph.D., in the Lecture Hall of the University School of Economics on Saturday, 11th March at 5 p.m.

A FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION: Meeting at 7 p.m. at the office, 48, Benam Hall Lane, Girgam, where collective reading will be done on Chaikovsky and Syt. Bharathan will speak on Individual Heroes of the Patriotic War. Chaikovsky's music will also be played.

DADAR SANGEET MANDAL: Concert, sitar solo, by Vilayatkhan of Delhi, with Allarkha accompanying on Tabla, and Indian classical Dances by Jaykumari. (Disciple of Jallal Kaththak of Jaipur) to-day (Saturday), at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Vanmali Hall, Dadar.

CYCLING SPORTS IN BOMBAY: The Bombay Cycling Club will have their first Track Meet on Saturday and Sunday 8th and 9th April, during Easter Week, at the Brabourne Stadium. Items on the programme include: 100 metres on International Lines (open); 1000 metres Time Trials (open); 4000 metres Laprace (open); 4000 metres Team Persuit (open) two events for Intermediate Boys, one event for Novices, two events for School Boys, two events for Girls, one event for Messenger Boys on Roadsters, two events for Roadsters Beginners and for slow cycling events. The last day for accepting entries is 2nd April, 1944.

Further details can be had from the Jt. Hon. Secretary Mr. A. R. Havewalla 11-16 G. J. Colony, Tardeo, Bombay.

RAMKRISHNA MISSION BENGAL STARVATION RELIEF

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The Mission has been conducting relief operations not only in Calcutta and its suburbs but also in 22 other far off districts where the distress is acute.

The Mission most thankfully acknowledges the generous contribution of Rs. 4,029-13-1 from the citizens of Kolhapur through Mrs. Uplekar Brothers, Jewellers.

The Mission also thankfully acknowledges the generous donation of Rs. 663 from The Friends Circle, Santa Cruz.

The total receipts upto 9th March amount to nearly Rs. 4,42,000.

Journalists' Association Of India

The Annual General Meeting of the Association which was to be held on 14th March has been postponed to 14th April, 1944.

Ghalib Day Meeting

The Secretary, Ghalib Day Committee, announces that the function will be held at 3 p.m. to-morrow Sunday, at the St. Xavier's School Hall and not at Qaiser Bagh Hall, Kazi Abdul Ghaffar, Editor "The Payam" daily Hyderabad (Dn.), is reaching Bombay to-day (Saturday) at 6 a.m. to preside over the Ghalib Day to-morrow.

Bombay War Gifts Fund

The total amount received by the Bombay War Gifts Fund during Febrnary, 1944 comes to Rs. 8,34,166-2-6, while the sum collected so far amounts to Rs. 1,82,44,749-9-3. Out of this the amount remitted to various war purposes is Rs. 1,77,98,243-2-10.

'QUAKE RECORD

BOMBAY, March 10

An earthquake shock of moderate intensity with its epicentre about 1,940 miles away from Bombay recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba observatory, Bombay, at 04-39 hours (I. S.) to-day.—A. P.

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Prizes:—1st Rs. 100; 2nd—2 prizes of Rs. 50 each; 3rd—4 prizes of Rs. 25 each; 4th—10 prizes of Rs. 10 each.

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POONA, March 10.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There is this difference between happiness and wisdom; he who thinks himself the happiest man is really so, but he that thinks himself the wisest is usually the greatest fool.

—Francis Bacon.

The Bombay Chronicle

TOOLS, OLD & NEW

Complete Indianisation of the Viceroy's Executive Council would have been at least one step forward in our constitutional progress, though it would not by itself have brought about anything like a settlement. But even that step the Viceroy or the British Government has failed to take. Nay, the official who replaces Sir Reginald Maxwell is not a whit better, he could not be worse. But, after all, these men are only spare parts of the steel frame, and ordinarily there is little to choose between them. Sir Reginald's retirement will not be mourned by India. Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar has earned his extension as a clever, serviceable yes man, wheresoever put. His talent might have been a valuable asset in a responsible Government. But it is now being used as a tool against the country, and he is content to be so managed. Sir Jeremy Raisman has also earned his extension by his art of transferring to India many tax burdens which ought to have been borne by Britain and yet making it appear that it is all necessary to combat inflation.

There are any number of Indians far more competent for the posts still held by Britishers. Even the British Government would be happy to Indianise the whole Council if that by itself could satisfy the country during the war. But all responsible parties rightly refuse to be "glorified Secretaries" to the Viceroy, though individuals are not wanting who would be satisfied with that position. Government perhaps hope that Congress leaders will soon be exhausted by prison privations and others will be tired of the present deadlock and all will ere long agree to a settlement on the basis of mere Indianisation. But Congress leaders would rather die in prison than be tools in the hands of a foreign bureaucracy. And without Congress there can be no settlement.

Food For The Province

Yesterday we referred to some aspects of the new policy for the procurement of the food supplies for the Province and for the distribution of foodgrains in rural areas which came in for examination at the meeting of the Bombay Provincial Rural Development Board that was held this week. Criticism was directed at the meeting to the need for assuring the public in rural areas that if grain was purchased from their areas for the requirements of Government, simultaneously a machinery would be set up for ensuring that the local requirements in respect of foodgrains would be met satisfactorily. What machinery Government propose to create for the purpose is not clear, but it was emphasised at the meeting of the Board that it would be unfair if the food purchased in the villages was sold back to the villagers at a considerably higher price. It will also be unfair if foodgrains are not allowed to remain in villages in such quantity as is sufficient to feed those who hold no lands either as tenants or owners and who may not henceforth be receiving remuneration in the shape of foodgrains inasmuch as there is no provision for reservation of supplies for such payment in the new scheme of procurement.

Stress was also laid during the discussions at the Rural Development Board on the need for securing the whole-hearted co-operation of the public if the scheme was to be worked successfully. This is possible only if after the measures that Government have in view are discussed fully and frankly by those who are in contact with the people of the countryside and who enjoy the confidence of the public, Government agree to shape their policy taking into consideration the criticism and the suggestions that are offered. From this point of view, we welcome the initiative taken by the Mayor of Bombay Mr. M. R. Masani, in convening in Bombay sometime next week an informal meeting of representative men from the districts to discuss the food problem in the Province, particularly in the light of the new procurement policy of Government. The proposed meeting will provide the first occasion on which representatives from all over the Province irrespective of their political affiliations will meet the leading public workers in the City to formulate their views on what is to-day the foremost problem that confronts the people of the Province. Those who are in touch with life in rural areas are aware of the hardships to which the smaller cultivators were subjected by the procurement operation of Government during the last Kharif season. Complaints are also rife about the non-availability of food grains, especially for the labouring sections of the rural population. Errors due to misunderstanding on the part of local officials of the policy embarked upon by Government have not been uncommon. The festering of all these complaints and grievances, apart from its breeding discontent, has an adverse effect on the morale both of the people and of the administration. A corrective can only be provided by creating a non-official organization fully representative of all sections of the rural population which can watch the food situation as it develops in the districts and bring to bear the influence of public opinion in the quick removal of the legitimate grievances of the rural population. It is to be hoped that, as an outcome of the informal meeting convened by the Mayor of Bombay, such a non-official organization will be brought into existence in the near future with the support of all sections of the people of the Province.

The Way To Peace

All right thinking men will agree with Mr. Sastri that war has become terrible beyond human endurance and must be ended at any cost. But how precisely this end is to be brought about has for years perplexed many politicians. It is easy enough to suggest that the sovereignty of individual nations must be modified, that all nations must be disarmed and that international disputes must be settled through international courts of law or arbitration. But the problem is: What is to be done if even a few important nations refuse to be disarmed? Mr. Sastri has already exposed the suggestion in the Atlantic charter that aggressor countries alone should be disarmed while the "peace-loving" ones should continue to be armed—nothing being said about countries quietly enjoying the fruits of old aggression. Mr. Sastri, in collaboration with some others, may well prepare a full scheme for the abolition of war, answering reasonable objections and doubts and, in particular, devising clear sanctions against recalcitrant countries. A carefully worked out plan has a fair chance of being considered at the next Peace Conference in spite of the Atlantic charterwalas. Gandhiji will be there inevitably with his own plan and the world will hear him and respect him. Incidentally, Mr. Sastri remarked: "The nation that first declares war in future, there is no word in the English language for us to stigmatise it adequately." Profoundly true.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Coal Crisis In Britain

The coal strike which beginning in South Wales soon spread to Scotland and has involved 90,000 miners in Wales alone is one of the most amazing developments of the present times. That such a colossal stoppage of a most essential war work should supervene on the very eve of the beginning of a second front is an eloquent commentary on the social conditions and also on the political set-up in Britain. The miners cannot be unconscious of the effect of their actions but they are faced with an economic crisis at a time when capitalists all over the world are minting money. The Porter Award announced recently is demonstrably prejudicial to the miner's interests and the Government are faced with a first-class crisis. The strike is the most calamitous since the one in 1926 and the scenes are reminiscent of the worst days of the depression. Some members of the Parliament are actively engaged in finding a way out of the impasse but the miners will probably insist upon some definite assurance regarding their grievances rather than be treated to vague appeals on patriotic grounds.

Franco's Climbdown

It seems as if the Job-like toleration and patience which Britain and America have shown towards Spain have begun to pay some dividend at last. It may be that the reason for the gradual shift of Falangist policy is not so much due to Allied diplomacy as to the change in the military situation and to the slow but unmistakable sanctions which both Britain and America have begun to apply at long last. Recently the United States stopped their oil shipments to Spain, though it was subsequently admitted that a trickle was still allowed—just perhaps to show Franco how much he was missing! Due to this exhibition of firmness—which had been sadly missing so long—Spain is now reported to have acceded to several British and American requests for the release of Italian ships and control of German agents in Tangier and in the rest of Spain. This news—if confirmed in action—indicates an unmistakable climbdown on the part of Franco. Those who have been assiduously wooing him so long will probably hail this as a success of their policy of appeasement. The problem of Falangist Spain goes, however, much deeper than a few concession here and there. The question which the United Nations will have to face ultimately is whether to allow the Franco regime, which was the first fruit of Fascism, to continue—in any manner or garb whatever after its evil parent is exterminated from the face of the earth.

Ghalib Day

To-morrow Bombay will observe the 75th anniversary of the death of the great Urdu poet, Ghalib. The organizers of the celebration have been able to secure the co-operation of prominent individuals and more than a dozen cultural organisations, including the P. E. N. Club, Anjuman Taraqqi-i-Urdu, the Anjuman-i-Islam and the Progressive Writers' Association. Ghalib ranks among the greatest poets of all time and Bombay may feel proud of having an opportunity of paying a tribute to his inspiring memory. In this connection we wholeheartedly support Mr. Asaf A. Fyzee's appeal to seize the present opportunity and take necessary steps to prepare a critical edition of Ghalib's poems.

Relieve Their Distress

Mr. A. V. Thakkar, President of the Distress Relief Committee, which helps the distressed families of persons jailed for taking part, or supposed to be likely to take part, in the Satyagraha movement, points out, in a public appeal, how he has received numerous applications for relief from families whose earning members are confined to jail without trial, "from families where persons have been shot dead or disabled due to firing and from families where persons have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from a few months to 43 years." It appears that many of them who have been jailed without trial are not given any family allowance even if their families are beggared and thrown on the streets as a result of their imprisonment. The relief work needs to be done on a much larger scale than has been possible so far. As the work is of a purely humanitarian character, and nobody need be afraid of contributing to the relief or otherwise helping to organise it. We trust there will be prompt and generous response to Mr. Thakkar's appeal.

Gondal State

The death of the Maharaja of Gondal will be mourned by many in the State and outside it. He was a cultured Ruler, a fellow of the Bombay University and the author of "A History of Arya Medical Science". In August next he would have celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of his rule, for which elaborate preparations had already begun. It is to be hoped that the new Ruler will mitigate the disappointment and sorrow of the people by announcing, at his accession, more administrative and constitutional reforms than had been decided upon in connection with the Jubilee celebration.

CIVIL DEFENCE COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS

Govt. Explain Their Position

The Government of Bombay regrets to announce that it has received letters of resignation from the Municipal representatives on the Bombay City Joint Civil Defence Committee.

Since the circumstances in which these resignations were being tendered have already received some publicity and have been the subject of proceedings in the Municipal Corporation in which the Government's attitude was adversely criticised, the Government considers it necessary to make the following statement.

The Joint Civil Defence Committee at the time of its establishment by the Government in July, 1942, was, among other tasks, made responsible for "the recruitment and training of fire watching parties." The Government at the same time undertook, subject to financial considerations, to accept the decisions of the Committee on the activities entrusted to it. Since that time, and throughout the period when Bombay was classified as a "Red Area" for Civil Defence, the Government has accepted without question the views of the Committee on the fire watching organisation and appointed, at Government cost, whatever staff was suggested by the Committee. In November, 1943, however, this Government received advice from the Government of India to the effect that, as a result of the new appreciation of Bombay's position consequent on the improvement in the war situation, all A.R.P. services (with certain exceptions specified by the Government of India) should be closed down. The Joint Civil Defence Committee was accordingly requested by the Government to take the necessary action in regard to the winding up of the services coming under its control. The Committee agreed to the action proposed in regard to other activities but recommended that certain of the higher-paid staff of the fire watching organisation should be retained. The Government gave this suggestion careful consideration; but since it came to the conclusion that there were insufficient grounds for accepting it, the Municipal Commissioner, who had been placed by the Government in administrative control of the staff concerned, was instructed to issue one month's notice of discharge to the personnel concerned.

The Government cannot accept the contention that it has failed to observe either the spirit or the letter of the undertaking given to the Corporation in 1942. The Government has always accepted the decisions of the Committee regarding the recruitment and training of fire watching parties: but the decision regarding the need for continuing the organisation as a whole must obviously depend, as in the case of other civil defence organisations, on the appreciation of Bombay's tactical position, which is provided by the Government of India in consultation with General Headquarters. There has never been any question of delegating the responsibility for such a decision to the Joint Civil Defence Committee. Furthermore, having received the directive referred to from the Government of India, the Government considers it would have been improper on financial grounds to continue to incur expenditure, however small, which the authorities responsible for assessing the risk in which Bombay stands considered unnecessary.

The Committee was very recently informed that the general question of fire risks in Bombay was being further considered, and it was hoped that the municipal representatives on the Committee would assist with their advice. It is therefore with regret that the Government has accepted their resignations.

Bijapur Students Condole Kasturba's Death

BIJAPUR, (By Mail.
(From A Correspondent.)

The inaugural ceremony of the Bijapur Students' Union was celebrated by Mr. A. N. Krishna Rao, the well-known literary man of Karnatak on Tuesday last. Mr. K. K. Shetty, Editor "Navayuga" of Udipi, presided. In the beginning a condolence resolution was passed regretting the death of Kasturba.

RURAL LABOUR & FOOD PROBLEM

By Dinkar Desai

According to the revised scheme for procurement and distribution of food grains in Bombay Province, the Government of Bombay proposes to extend distribution to all rural areas by opening ten to fifteen grain shops in each taluka. This is a step in the right direction. But one does not know the policy of Government regarding the prices at which food grains will be sold at the shops to be opened in villages. Unless food grains are made available at reasonable prices, persons with low purchasing power such as the agricultural labourers will not be in a position to purchase their full ration. This aspect of the food problem does not seem to have received the attention it deserves.

AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS UNDERFED

According to the latest available official figures, the vast majority of workers on the land are landless labourers in Bombay Province, although it is generally believed that peasant proprietors predominate in this Province. Of the total number of persons engaged in cultivation, as many as 55 per cent are agricultural labourers, 24 per cent are tenant cultivators and only 18 per cent are peasant proprietors. To put it in another way, it has been officially calculated that 35 per cent of our entire population earns its livelihood as agricultural labourers.

It is this class which is generally on the verge of starvation even in ordinary times. During wartime their position has become still worse. This is because their wages have not increased in the same proportion as prices of food grains have gone up. According to the figures published by the Bombay Labour Office, the average daily wage of an agricultural labourer in the province in the pre-war year was 0-4-6, while in 1942 it was 0-5-0. No figures for 1943 are published. Even supposing that the labourers were fortunate in getting an unusual increase of one anna in 1943, the wage comes to 0-6-0. This means that agricultural wages have gone up by 33 per cent or, say, even 50 per cent since the War.

What is the position regarding prices of food grains? Immediately before the War, the average price of rice, which is the staple in the Konkan, was about 9 seers a rupee in that region. At present, the price is about three seers a rupee. In Karnatak where jowar is the staple, the pre-war average price was about 18 seers a rupee, while to-day it is difficult to obtain six seers of jowar for a rupee. Very similar is the situation in Gujarat and Deccan. These figures show that while the wages of agricultural labourers have gone up by 33 to 50 per cent, the prices of food grains have increased by about 300 per cent. The result is that agricultural labourers are undergoing continuous underfeeding or semi-starvation.

THE ONLY WAY

It may be argued that the position of the agricultural labourers is not so bad because they are generally expected to receive their wages in grain and not in cash. This is true to some extent. But the practice of paying wages in kind is not at all universal. It generally obtains in remoter villages away from the taluka towns. In many regions, wages are paid in cash. Moreover, in those regions where they are paid in kind, the general practice is to pay grain only at harvest time and not at other seasons. For gathering non-food crops such as cotton wages are not necessarily paid in grain even in these regions. Again, on account of high prices of food grains the present tendency is to avoid payment in kind and to substitute it by payment in cash. For all these reasons the agricultural labourer has become the worst victim of war-time prices. The food crisis in Bengal has shown that the overwhelming majority of those who died of starvation were agricultural labourers.

The only way to save the agricultural labourer from continuous underfeeding is to provide him with grain at a price which he can afford to pay. Government action in this direction is most urgently needed. It may be argued that Government may not be able to sell grain at a price lower than the cost price. As it is necessary that the primary producer should get a fair price for his produce, the Government may not be in a position to supply grain at a price within the purchasing power of the agricultural labourer. The only way out of this difficulty is to sell grain at subsidized rates to agricultural labourers. In fact, this has been done in many countries. The report published by the League of Nations on "War-time Rationing and Consumption" says that "Governments have had recourse to such measures as the free distribution of essential goods, subsidies to producers, and rebates to consumers, with a view to ensuring an adequate minimum diet to the lowest income groups."

Unless food grains are made available at reasonable prices, the agricultural labouring population in the province is bound to undergo continuous under-feeding. The ill-effects of continuous undernourishment may not be manifest outwardly within a short time. But in the long run, its effects on the population are bound to be disastrous. To-day there is a tendency in certain quarters to compare the food situation in any given area with what has happened in Bengal and to draw the conclusion that the situation is not sufficiently bad enough as long as people are not actually dying of starvation. Such way of thinking is extremely dangerous. The fact must be realised that continuous semi-starvation is almost as bad as immediate mortality due to complete starvation. The sooner this is realised the better for all concerned. It is to be hoped that this aspect of the food problem will receive the most urgent attention of the Bombay Government and that steps will be taken to undertake necessary measures without delay.

KAMALA DEVI AT DELHI

NEW DELHI, March 10: Mrs Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, who arrived here, attended the Bengali Literary Conference.

She leaves for Allahabad on March 14 and after a short stay with Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit leaves for Calcutta.—United Press.

NEW TAXATION PROPOSALS

Anomalies And Hardships

II

Messrs. Tanubhai Desai and Bhogilal Chimanlal Shah write:—

There is another aspect, which is proposed to be emphasized and it is this: That shareholders as a class of limited companies are particularly hit by reason of the fact that no refund is allowed for the amount of corporation tax calculated at 3 annas per Rupee levied and paid by the company. Even in cases where the assessee is not liable to pay by reason of his income being less than Rs. 2,000 or where by reason of his income being less than the amount, which attracts super-tax, he cannot get refund of these 3 annas; he can only get relief for the income-tax paid. For example, a man who is earning Rs. 1,500 is not liable to be taxed now. That Rs. 1,500 includes say about Rs. 200 by way of income-tax from dividends and this assessee even is not entitled to claim refund of the 3 annas paid by way of corporation tax. Before the war, the position was not so bad as the corporation tax was only one anna, but now that it has been increased to 3 annas, the shareholders are justified in asking the Government to give them relief for refund of the tax by way of corporation tax calculated on the dividend income if their assessable income is proportionally smaller, and relief for refund should be granted similar to the one for income-tax. There is no reason why assessees with small income should further be burdened indirectly in this manner, particularly when the income-tax authorities have chosen to increase the limit from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 2,000.

The shareholders as a class will now get smaller return on their investments as the whole of the excess profits is immobilised and the dividend yielding capacity of the company out of the profits of the year in which profits are made, is substantially reduced by reason of the fact that the companies have to pay as much as 7 1/2 annas in a rupee on the amount distributed by way of dividend.

In a sense double tax is paid by shareholders who are liable to be assessed for super-tax on their dividend income, for, on the amount of dividends, which they receive from companies, the company has already paid tax at 3 annas per rupee being the corporation tax and when same amount is included in the shareholders assessment, super-tax is again levied on the said amount. It is submitted that this inequity should not be perpetuated now that rates of super-tax have reached such giddy heights.

The Government has chosen to increase the taxable minimum limit from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 2,000 but thereby they have restored only the pre-war minimum level, but in order to do equitable justice, the taxable limit should be raised from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 5,000 a year. It must not be forgotten that the indices of cost of living for pre-war as well as present times show that the cost of living index has shot upto about 283 as compared with 100 per cent of pre-war level and it is but fair and proper that it should accordingly be increased in order to compensate the assessee for such a high increase in the cost of living. There is no reason why the class of assessee having incomes under Rs. 5,000 a year, who are most hard hit due to inflation and other factors arising out of the present conditions should be further hard hit in this manner by insisting on their paying Income-tax.

A tabular statement showing to what extent the assessees like individuals joint families etc., in case of even people not liable to pay excess profits or income not liable to pay excess profits tax, have to bear heavy burden can be seen from the statement below appended, which deals with the threefold comparison, viz., the amount of taxes payable before war, last year and this year, and from this the incidence of taxation can be judged.

RUPEES.	Income-tax & Super-tax Tax prior to War, i.e. in the assessment year 1939/40. Income-tax including S.C.	Super-tax including S.C.	TOTAL.	Income-tax & Super-tax including Sur-charge for the assessment year 1943/44. (last year). Income-tax including S.C.	Super-tax including S.C.	TOTAL.	Income-tax & Super-tax including Sur-charge for the assessment year 1944/45. (as per new Budget). Income-tax including S.C.	Super-tax including S.C.	TOTAL.
2,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	39.1.0	Nil	39.1.0	Nil	Nil	Nil
5,000	164	Nil	164	273	Nil	273	273	Nil	273
10,000	555	Nil	555	924	Nil	924	924	Nil	924
15,000	1180	Nil	1180	1966	Nil	1966	2018	Nil	2018
20,000	1961	Nil	1961	3268	Nil	3268	3424	Nil	3424
30,000	3523	313	3836	5873	625	6498	6238	625	6863
40,000	5086	1250	6336	8477	2344	10821	9050	2500	11550
50,000	6648	2500	9148	11081	4531	15612	11862	5000	16862
60,000	8211	4963	12274	13685	7188	20873	14675	7970	22645
70,000	9773	5938	15711	16289	10313	26502	17487	11407	28894
80,000	11336	7813	19149	18893	13438	32331	20300	14844	35144
90,000	12898	9688	22586	21497	16563	38060	23112	18282	41394
1,00,000	14461	11563	26024	24102	19688	43790	25925	21719	47644
1,25,000	18368	16250	34618	30613	27500	58113	32957	30313	63270
1,50,000	22273	22500	44773	37122	37656	74778	39987	41251	81238
1,75,000	26180	28750	54930	43033	47813	91446	47018	52188	99206
2,00,000	30086	35000	65086	50143	57969	108112	54049	63126	117175
3,50,000	53823	81875	135398	89206	132969	222175	96237	138126	234363
5,00,000	76961	138125	215086	126268	217344	345612	138424	222501	360925
Income over Rs. 5 lakhs:	Tax to be calculated at annas 15 in a Rupee on the income exceeding Rs. 5,00,000.								

N. B.—The above tax does not include Excess Profits Tax, but shows how people NOT LIABLE TO E. P. T. OR PROFITS NOT LIABLE TO E.P.T., ARE AFFECTED.

BOMBAY'S INADEQUATELY FED CHILDREN

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(From Our Staff Reporter)

Milk is not the only dire need in the cases of children suffering from malnutrition. A look round the city's hospitals for children will convince one that there are other needs, too. There is inside the hospitals a great need for tonics, containing cod liver oil, iron, arsenic, glycerophosphates and vitamins. These requirements indicate that most of the patients suffer from malnutrition.

The number of out-patients has increased by leaps and bounds. In order to cope with rush, children suffering from diseases are shunted out immediately after they had tided over the initial stages, in order to make room for new patients. The result is that there is no such thing as a convalescent stage.

There is also a great and urgent need of a Blood Bank. With more stocks of blood and plasma, the hospitals may be enabled to double their number of blood transfusions. At present a great number of poor patients cannot pay a sum of Rs. 20 needed for a donor who gives blood. Blood should match the patient to whom it is administered. Ordinarily an adult requires a pint of blood and a child requires 1/6 of a pint or in other words, two or three ounces. In either case, it costs the patient a sum of Rs. 20. There have been cases—and a vast number of them—in which the parents have refused to give their blood, either through ignorance or by fear and superstition. This has made the position of doctors more difficult. The dying child must be found its quota of blood in order to be saved. The parents are poor and they will not part with their own blood and they cannot afford to pay others to part with theirs. The result is in some cases, either the doctors themselves or the students of the medical college have come to the rescue. In cases where the necessary blood group cannot be made available, as a result of these various difficulties, the young patient has inevitably died.

In order to meet the long-felt needs of patients, including children a new organisation, composed of doctors and citizens to inquire into the conditions of the destitute patients and give them relief, has sprung up in the city. It is known as the Civil Hospitals Emergency Aid Committee and as its name indicates it proposes to give aid and relief to all hospitals and patients including those meant for children.

The great need for an Almonar's Department is stressed by the Committee which has before it a wide and comprehensive scheme. In this department discharged patients should be watched through convalescence, their case histories recorded and investigations conducted to inquire into the ability of the patients to pay for treatment and where extra aid which the hospitals cannot give should be given.

As I stated, the Committee has a wider problem on hand; that referring to children is naturally included.

While the support for the Committee among medical circles at any rate is undoubted, it is being suggested that two medical men, like Dr. R. N. Cooper and Dr. George Coelho, with wide and varied experience in infant disease and treatment, should have been included in its committee.

*Preceding articles in the series appeared on 9th and 10th instant:—

TRANSATLANTIC AIR RECORDS

Canadian Bomber Reaches Karachi In 49 Hours

LONDON, March 10.

A new "liberator" bomber has just flown from Eastern Canada to Karachi in 49 hours 32 minutes—the actual flying time for the journey of 8,500 statute miles being only 39 hours 41 minutes.

The bomber fully loaded with aircraft parts and radio equipment left Canada in a blizzard and 45 degrees of frost landing at Karachi two days later in a temperature of 95 degrees and what the captain—28 year old Ray Garver of Montreal—described as "white shimmering heat".

The normal time taken to deliver aircraft from Canada to India is five days.

Air Ministry News Service to-day also announced a new Transatlantic air record in which a "liberator" completed the double atlantic crossing—east to west and west to east—in 39 hours 17 minutes including a stop of 9 hours 19 minutes in Britain.—Reuter.

Women Celebrate Prophet's Birthday

A large number of Muslim women assembled in Beg Mohammed Baug, Mohammed Ali Road, to celebrate the Id-e-Milad-un-Nabi Day held under the auspices of the Prophet's Birthday Celebration Committee on Friday evening, Mrs. Ruqauya Begam Mohammed Taher Khan who presided quoting some verses from the Holy Quran dealt with the teachings of Islam through Prophet Mohamed.

Mrs. Asghari Begam inaugurated the function.

Mrs. M. H Sheikh making an extempore speech threw light on the position of woman in Islam. She said that in Islam woman was given status equal with man. Dealing with the history of Islam she said that Muslim women had always set many magnificent examples before the world.

Mrs. Noorbano Maniar reciting a "Naat" said that to love the Prophet was to love God and it was a boon to Musalmans that such a great prophet was sent amongst them.

Mrs. Hoorjamal Khatoon, Mrs. Zainab Begam, and Misses Safiya Vaskar, Najmun-Nisa, Mr. H. Sheikh and Gulbano Vishram also spoke.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"The Bengal Legislative Assembly had its surprise, yesterday when Dr. Nalinakshya Sanyal in course of moving a cut motion alleged that two Hon. Ministers one of whom was travelling with ticket and another travelling with a lower class ticket in the upper class were challenged and the former had to pay penalty and the other excess fare."

—Report in Calcutta paper.

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"We are not deterred by fears of financial and other difficulties", said Sir Mohamed Usman, Member for Posts and Air at a press conference.

No, Sir, he wouldn't have been where he is otherwise.

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The Government of India has prepared a post-war plan for the construction of 400,000 miles of roads costing 450 crores.

Don't expect any of these roads to lead you to the City of Freedom.

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There are two milk schemes on the tapis now, says a staff correspondent.

The first one is to take away the Bhayya's milk pots from under the taps.

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OVERHEARD AT THE VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SHOW

One Smart guy: There are plenty of flowers here, mobile and immobile.

Second Ditto: Yes. There are flowers and there are also samples of cactus and prickly pear.

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TODAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated by the Junior Colleague)

(1) Sir Reginald Maxwell, the retiring Home Member, is being rushed to Wales in order to take charge of the strike situation and to stop all nonsense.

(2) Dr. Ambedkar has also volunteered to accompany him as he is confident of persuading British women to work in the pits (on the same lines as he did the Indian women) so as to make up the loss of production during the strike.

(3) Herr Hitler has offered his services as a negotiater for the armistice talks that are being conducted between Finland and Russia.

TRAINING OF MILL WORKER

Discussions At A.-I. Textile Conference

Problems concerning the training of the textile workers were discussed during the third session of the first All-India Textile Conference at the V. J. Technical Institute, Matunga, on Friday. In the unavoidable absence of Sir Vithal Chandavarkar, Dr. Nazir Ahmed, the president of the Association, presided.

Speaking about the employment for cotton mill-workers Mr. R. G. Gokhale, Labour Officer of the Millowners' Association, observed that one of the most serious obstacles to the development of Indian Cotton-mill industry was the absence of skilled workers. The question of the technical education of the worker was at a discount. However the Government had set an example by starting schemes for training of unskilled workers in certain engineering occupations for absorption in war industries. Mr. Gokhale suggested that the cotton textile industry should take up the question of providing pre-employment training for the cotton mill worker if it wanted to deal successfully with the post-war problems to meet foreign competition.

Mr. D. P. Joshi speaking next suggested three stages for the training of the mill operatives, namely, (1) training at workshop to be started at villages or towns from which the worker was drawn, (2) training at the technical classes equipped with small units of spinning and weaving plants to be started at factory towns and (3) the final stage of training at the factory itself.

Mr. P. N. Joshi, Principal, V. J. T. Institute, observed that the course for the preliminary training for departmental heads in textile mills should include a wide but not necessarily deep knowledge of textile materials and processes together with a fuller acquaintance with one of the materials, e.g. cotton and its manufacturing processes. The training for manager, said the speaker, should include principles of business practice and general manufacturing processes.

Mr. J. W. Dawson's paper on the future of the Textile Association was read in his absence by Dr. Nazir Ahmed. In this paper the author congratulated the Textile Association on its fine achievements.

INDUSTRY & AGRICULTURE Essays Invited From Boys And Girls

The K. R. Cama Oriental Institute invites an essay from Parsi boys attending schools in Bombay and other cities and the two Athornan Madressas of Bombay on "Industry and agriculture in the Zarathustrian religion". Three prizes of Rs. 30, Rs. 20 and Rs. 15 will be awarded to the first three writers whose essays will be passed by the examiners.

A similar announcement is issued inviting Parsi girls to submit an essay on the same subject with the same amount of prizes, "separately."

The same Institute also invites an essay on "The value of the Mihir Yast as an exponent of ancient religious and ethical thoughts" Two prizes of Rs. 200 and Rs. 100 will be awarded to the first two candidates whose essays are up to the mark. Should the essay or essays fail to come up to the required standard, the Governing Body shall not give the full or any prize.

For details about length of essays books that can be referred to for writing essays, etc. please write to the Institute 136 Apollo Street, Bombay.

GUJARAT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION FORMED

AHMEDABAD, March 10: A Gujarat University Association has been formed by the Gujarat Vernacular Society for the establishment of a separate University for Gujarat. Lady Vidyagauri Nilkanth is the President and Hon. Mr. G. V. Mavlanker, Speaker of the Bombay Legislative Assembly (in jail), is the Chairman of the Association, while Mr. K. M. Munshi is the Vice-Chairman and the members of the Association are Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, Sir Purushottamdas Thakoredas, Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai and others.

It is hoped to establish the University for Gujarat before 1948, when the Gujarat Vernacular Society completes its centenary.—A. P.

M. P.'S TO GIVE BACK TO PIT CALL

"RESUMPTION OF WORK NECESSARY TO FACILITATE SETTLEMENT"

LONDON, March 9.

An appeal to the 90,000 Welsh coal miners now on strike to go back to work will be backed by 13 members of the British Parliament representing mining constituencies in Wales.

They will speak at a specially convened Trade Union meeting to be held on Saturday. The men will be urged to return to the pits so that negotiations can proceed for a settlement of the outstanding problems.

The Communist Party leader Mr. Harry Pollitt said in Brighton to-day that the Prime Minister would be well advised to call the miners together again. "He should put to them all available information in regard to the coming tremendous battles and the key part that Coal has to play in the winning of these battles."

Mr. Pollitt said he hoped South Wales miners would accept the terms their leaders had negotiated, and not only return to work but also make up for the precious tonnage that had been lost by strike.

Responsibility for the South Wales stoppage, Mr. Pollitt added, must squarely be placed on the shoulders of owners and the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

Mr. Pollitt's statement that Mr. Churchill should call the miners together, Reuter adds, was with reference to the speeches the Prime Minister and General Smuts made to 3,000 representatives of the mining industry in London in October 1942.

Almost every pit in Britain had sent a delegate to the meeting which was in private to allow the Prime Minister and General Smuts to talk frankly.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL PATS BRITISH PRESS

Delay In Issue Of News About Future Of Italian Fleet

WESTMINSTER, March 9.

Several members in Parliament were critical of the fact that news about the future of the Italian Fleet had been announced in the United States before it had been in Britain.

Earl Winterton asked whether statements of great importance affecting the whole future of the world should not, as far as possible, be made simultaneously by the head of the state in Britain and the United States.

Mr. Churchill: It is not for me to lay down rules on these matters which affected many countries all over the world which are governed by circumstances and conditions prevailing in them.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Labour) asked: Is it not a fact that the method chosen on this occasion has been a great disadvantage to the British public because after the statement made in America all newspapers in Great Britain were asked to make no comments if possible on the matter, although newspapers in every other country of the world had been discussing it for the last six or seven days. We in this country had no opportunity because the Press had loyally carried out the request made by the authorities concerned.

Mr. Churchill: I think it very good of the Press to help in that way.—Reuter.

SHIYALI SABOTAGE CASE APPEAL

Federal Court Orders "De Novo" Trial

MADRAS, March 10.

Orders were passed to-day by Mr. Justice King and Mr. Justice Shahabuddin in the 'Shiyali Sabotage Case' appeal, in the light of the Federal Court's judgment declaring the proceedings against the accused before the special judge as void. The judges directed that the case be tried 'de novo' by the sub-divisional Magistrate, Mayavaram.

It will be recalled that one Ramaratnam and four others were convicted by the special judge Chingleput on a charge of having conspired to blow up a railway bridge near Shiyali but on an appeal to the Madras High Court, Ramaratnam was acquitted but the sentences of others were confirmed.—A. P.

CONGRESS' THUMPING VICTORY

AHMEDABAD, March 10.

The Congress has secured 39 out of 50 seats in the general election to the Ahmedabad District Local Board, while the independents have secured eight and the Muslims six seats.—A. P.

NEW DIRECTOR OF RECRUITING

NEW DELHI, March 10.

Brig. D. H. Currie, who as director of Recruiting has been largely responsible for raising India's magnificent volunteer army of 2,000,000 fighting men, is to retire. He will be succeeded by Brig G. G. C. Bull.—A. P.

QUIT ORDER FOLLOWS RELEASE

(From A Correspondent.)

AGRA, (By Mail.)

Mr. S. C. Doneria has been released to-day from the Agra Central Prison after a detention of about 13 months. Immediately on release, Mr. Doneria has been served with a notice by the A. D. M. personally to leave Agra District in 48 hours.

EASTERN BANK, Ltd.

The Directors in London have declared a second Interim Dividend at the rate of three shillings per share, less Income-Tax at the rate of seven shillings and six pence per pound after allowing for Dominion Tax Relief Dividend payable 29th March, 1944. Transfer Books closed from 15th March to 29th March inclusive. The Directors state that the Dividend is being paid at the usual time notwithstanding that it will not be possible to present the 1943 accounts until the arrival of returns now on the way from Eastern Branches.

ALLAHBUX MURDER CASE

Startling Revelations

Startling revelations were made in the judgment delivered by Mr. Mahomed Bux A. Memon, special tribunal, who tried the case in which three accused were sentenced to death and four to transportation for life for the murder of Mr. Allahbux the ex-Premier of Sind. We published the following extracts from the judgment published in the "Sind Observer".

"Kamal in his confession further mentioned that he was a cultivator and cultivated the lands of Khan Bahadur Khuhro and his relations.

Referring to confession, the Judge remarked: "This confession on the part of the accused Kamal was a very clever one. He disclosed only a part of truth, but most of the story is given by him is false as will be proved from other evidence on record. I would comment on his confession and its value hereafter."

Mr. Ray produced another accused, Wali Mohmed, for confession before Mr. Pearce on January 12, 1944. The following judicial contession was duly recorded on that day:

Daresh had said to me two or three months before that K. B. Khuhro had said to him that anyone who murder Allahbux Mistri would be well rewarded. When I came this time to my house, he said that since there were suitable men staying with me I should tell them that if they would murder Allahbux, they would be rewarded. So said Daresh to Ali Mohmed and Mohabat. They agreed to do it for Rs. 12,000; they agreed too that if they did not do it, they would get nothing. Then Kamal, one of the accused, in the course of his confession before the Tribunal, said, among other things, that Daresh, a Kamdar of K. B. Khuhra had told him (Kamal) that K. B. Khuhro had agreed to pay Rs. 5,000 if Mr. Allabux was murdered.

Kamal in the course of his confession said:—

"I was in my house when Kassim, son of Mohmedbux Mangnejo came one morning four to five months ago, and said, he wanted me to go along with him to meet his companions. I asked him for what purpose, and he said, he would tell me there. So I went with him to a place about one and a half miles from the landhi of Daresh Khuhro in Khairpur State across the river. We arrived at night and the man there was asleep and Kassim and I also went to sleep there. We got up in the morning and I found that the men were Ali Mohamed Rajpar, Jani Sanjrani, Majnu Benan, Bangul 'alias' Sono Sanjrani Abdul Khalik Mochi, Abdul Latif Khorkhani, Muhhang Sanjrani (also called Miandad) and Redho Lashari. Daresh then came and Ali Mohomed said that we should go to Mistri Allahbux.

I asked why Daresh said he had enmity with our Khan Bahadur and that Khan Bahadur had promised to give Rs. 5,000 if we kill Mistri Allahbux. Daresh is a kamdar of K. B. Khuhro.

MONEY PROMISED

Daresh told us to do the job at once and he would give us the money. So we got ready. Ali Mohmed, Kassim, Bangul, Majnu, Jani, Abdul Khalik and I got ready. The other three remained at the landhi. Kassim had a pistol which takes a sixteen-bore cartridge. Ali Mohmed had a double-barrelled mussle loader pistol. Abdul Khalik had a knife and the rest of us had hatchets."

The Judge proceeded:—

"It is a sad commentary on the Sind police that a person of the position of the deceased should be murdered in broad daylight on a public road under the very nose of the police. Sadder still is the role played by the Shikarpur police of that time. I have studied the case in its minutest details and I am unshaken in my belief that if the then 'fojdar' Mr. Tuljaram had immediately deputed a posse of police to the Sukkur-Shikarpur Road, these two assassins would have surely been apprehended.

It is clear from the evidence on record that these two assassins were going on foot. They did not run all the time. Witness Fakir Mohmed says that he saw them going a bit fast. In these circumstances, if the police had immediately rushed on to this road in a car or a lorry, or a tonga, or on horseback or even if they had gone running up there, they would have been able to catch these people before they crossed the public road and disappeared to the east. It appears the police were afraid of coming to a battle with the assassins who they knew were armed."

Spain Climbs Down

Reported To Have Acceded Demand For Release Of Italian Ships

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.

There is every indication that the present negotiations with Spain will be successfully concluded.

It is learned unofficially that Spain has acceded to several British and American requests for the release of Italian ships and control of German agents in Tangier and in the rest of Spain.

So far as can be learned here there are still some Italian ships interned in Canary islands and other Spanish colonial ports which have not yet been released.—

Move To Place Tagore's Bust In Westminster Abbey

LONDON, March 9.

A public appeal for the establishment of a Tagore institute in London is to be made, said the Chairman of the Tagore Society Mr. P. B. Seal, at a lecture on Indian culture in London today.

The move, he said, was being made for the placing of a bust of poet in the poets' corner at Westminster Abbey.—Reuter.

GRIEVANCES OF INDIANS IN S. AFRICA

Commission Of Inquiry Appointed

(From Our Correspondent.)

DURBAN, March 9.

The appointment of a Commission of inquiry was proclaimed on March 7 to inquire and report upon matters affecting Indian community of Natal. The Commission will commence work on April 1.

At the conference of Natal Indian Congress a resolution was passed agreeing to participation provided political status was included in the terms of reference. It is generally understood and assurances have been given that "civic status" meets Congress' stipulation Congress has accordingly granted permission to Messrs. A. I. Kajee and S. R. Naidoo to accept the invitation to serve.

The desirability of the Indian Government sending Advisers on the Housing and Capetown Agreement continues to be urged by Indian leaders here.

CHINESE GOODWILL MISSION IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, March 10.

A Chinese Goodwill Mission consisting of three members arrived in Delhi to-day and are staying at the Viceroy's House.

They are Mr. Wang Yun-Wu, Mr. Han Lih-Wu and Mr. Wen Yuan-Ning and have come here from the Middle East. They form one part of a larger mission, which visited London in February and from there split into two parties. The other party consisting of Dr. Wang Shih-Chieh, Dr. Lee Weikuo and Mr. Hu Lin are on a visit to America and Canada.

It is learned that the Viceroy invited the whole mission to visit Delhi on their way back to China but the party from America has not been able to come here in time.

The three members will stay in Delhi till Sunday and then proceed to Agra and on to Calcutta where they expect to be joined by the other three members from U.S.A. on their way to Chungking.—A. P.

OSMANIA GETS COLLECTION OF MANUSCRIPTS

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) March 10.

The Osmania University has acquired a unique collection of manuscripts which had been in the possession of the late Hakeem Mohamed Qasim. The collection consists of three thousand palm-leaf and paper manuscripts dealing with all branches of Hindu learning. 220 of these deal with Vedic literature and 305 with the six systems of Indian philosophy. The rest comprise treatises on the Puranas, Dharmasastra, music, medicine, astronomy, astrology, and lexicography.

It is noteworthy that the greater part of the works in Telugu, found in this collection, are by poets and writers of the Telingana area in H. E. H. the Nizam's Dominions. Two unique manuscripts supposed to be in Brahmi character found in this collection—these have not yet been deciphered—are believed to belong to a period earlier than 300 B.C.—U. P.

BHAVNAGAR BANS "KRANTI KARI DUNIYA"

SURAT, March 10: A report from Bhavnagar says that the State Government have banned a book in Hindi entitled "Kranti Qari Kahaniya" written by Pandya Bechan Sharma and published by the Sahitya Sevak Karyalaya, Benares as the book contains prejudicial matters according to the Indian Penal Code.—U. P.

RAILWAY CONSTABLE JAILED FOR THEFT

NAGPUR, March 10: A railway police constable has been arrested at Khandwa on a charge of stealing a trunk of a third class passenger.

Lal Bahadur, a railway police constable, has been sentenced to one year's R. I. for stealing a shawl belonging to a third class passenger, says a report from Hoshangabad.—U. P.

'PAKISTAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE'

Jinnah's Reply To Toast At Aligarh University Lunch

ALIGARH, March 10.

"Pakistan is not a product of the conduct or misconduct of Hindus. It has always been there. Only they are unconscious of it. Hindus and Muslims, though living in the same towns and villages, have never been blended into one nation. They are always two separate entities."

Thus observed Mr. M. A. Jinnah replying to a toast proposed by Sir Ziauddin Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor of the Aligarh University, who gave a lunch in honour of Mr. Jinnah.

IT IS MUTUAL

Continuing Mr. Jinnah traced the history of Islam in India and said that the Pakistan movement had started when the first non-Muslim was converted to Islam long before Muslims established their rule. As soon as a Hindu embraced Islam he was outcast religiously, socially, culturally and economically and for a Muslim also it was the duty not to merge identity individually in any alien society and that was the basis for Pakistan.

Concluding Mr. Jinnah said that Pakistan should be achieved "not by asking, not by begging, not even by mere prayers, but by working with trust in God."—United Press.

PAKISTAN CONFERENCE AT GAYA

At a meeting of the Working Committee of Gaya District Muslim League held on March 5 under the Presidency of Mr. Latifur Rahman, M L A. it was unanimously decided to hold the first Pakistan Conference under the auspices of the District Muslim League at Gaya during the ensuing Eastern holidays.

War Risks Insurance Of Factories And Inland Vessels

NEW DELHI, March 10.

An ordinance has been promulgated to-day which extends the period of existing policies issued under the War Risks (Factories) Insurance scheme by one year from April 1, 1944, says a Press Communique.

This applies to all policies issued in respect of properties mentioned in the War Risks (Factories) Insurance Ordinance, that is, properties appertaining to factories, above ground machinery of mines, distribution system etc., of specified gas, electricity and hydro-electric supply undertakings.

The basis of insurable value will remain unaltered, that is, policies will be extended for the sums insured under existing policies.

An announcement will be made shortly regarding the rate and the manner of payment of premium for the extended period of insurance.

So far as properties insurable under the War Risks (Inland Vessels) Insurance Ordinance are concerned, the Government of India have decided that fresh policies covering a period from April 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945 should be issued.—A. P.

Religious Publications Proscribed

BOMBAY, Friday.

On a charge of printing and circulating a banned document, Francis Edwin Skinner (49) Branch representative in India of the Watch Tower Bible Tract Society and Husseinbhai Mohamedbhai Chomawalla (40) Printer and Proprietor of the Uniform Printing Press, Tamarind Lane, were arrested on 18-10-43 by C.I.D., Foreign Branch.

They were produced before Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court last week and remanded on bail.

The case came up yesterday and was adjourned to March 23.

The banned document is a leaflet entitled "Jehoyah" composed of "ad literatim" quotations from the bible. It appears that all publications by this religious Society, which is of American origin, have been proscribed by the Government of India.

NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK, March 9.
March 21.04, May 20.58, July 20.01.
Middling spot 21.53

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
March 21.15, May 20.71, July 20.14.
Middling Spot 20.84

NEW YORK COTTON
Noon Call
March 21.01, May 20.54, July 19.97

LONDON SILVER
LONDON, March 9.
Spot 23-1/2, Forward 23-1/2.

LONDON GOLD
London, gold fine per oz £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES
T T London On:
New York sellers 4.02-1/2, buyers 4.03-1/2, Madrid official 44.00, Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.47, Zurich sellers 17.3, buyers 17.4, Stockholm sellers 16.85, buyers 16.95

LONDON WHEAT
Wheat Rozario Santa (new crop) 32/4-1/2 March/April quoted, Wheat Australian (bulk) 34 March/April quoted, Wheat Australian (bagged) 37 March/April quoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
Rupee paper 3-1/2 per cent £71-1/2, Consols 2-1/2 per cent £79, Conversion loan 3-1/2 per cent 1961 £104, War loan 3-1/2 per cent £104, Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90 £113-7/8, Victory Bonds 4 per cent £111-7/8, Charctered Bank of India, Australia and China £9-15/16, Hongkong and Shanghai (London Reg) £75-1/2, National Bank of India, £36-3/4.

THREE NEW FILMS THIS WEEK

"Mazaq" At Kamal "Kurbani" At Taj And "Viswas" At Capitol

By T. V. P.

Three new pictures have been released with the beginning of this week: 'Mazaq' at Kamal, "Kurbani" at Taj and 'Vishwas' at Capitol.

"Mazaq", is a picture that merits attention. It is one of those films which create a fresh reputation for their producers. The name of Raja Movietone and Producer Zahur Raja will now be counted among the seniors in the industry. The picture, too, should give a new standing to its Distributors, Brij-Dewan Ltd.

"Mazaq" is a comedy with an intellectual tone. There is the romantic aspect, too, and there is plenty of good music. The dominating aspect, however, is the comedy; and it must be said to Zahur Raja's credit that he has put it over smartly. Madhuri, Radharani and Zahur Raja himself shine in the comedy. Pahari Sanyal makes a believable dreamy author. There is sparkle in the newcomer Anita Sharma.

DURGA KHOTE AS MOTHER

"Kurbani" is a story of mother's love and the sacrifices a mother is capable of making for her off-springs. The picture has a star-studded cast in that, besides Durga Khote in a convincing mother's role, there are Ishwarlal, Kaushalya and Vasantee in the supporting roles. Ishwarlal's characterisation as a dutiful son is also convincing. Gope and Gulab provide the entertaining element.

"Vishwas" brings Surendra, the popular screen songster to Capitol, after a long time. Surendra's songs will prove a great factor in popularising this picture. It is a J. B. H. Wadia production giving a social story. Mehtab plays opposite Surendra. Particular notice will be taken of the girl Madhuri, who sings, dances and speaks sweetly and smartly. Her quips and pranks supply the most needed entertainment in this film

Mehtab in 'Vishwas' at Capitol.

'SATI ANASUYA' FOR KRISHNA

Sunrise Pictures' mythological film 'Sati Anasuya' starring the famous trio of 'Bharat Milap'—namely Durga Khote Shobhana Samarth and Shahu Modak is booked for early release at Krishna. The picture is directed by V. M. Vyas from a screenplay by M. G. Dave.

DURGA AS PEASANT WOMAN

Of all the Indian stars, perhaps the most versatile and talented star is Durga Khote who in last twelve years has made many characters immortal on the screen by her superb portrayals. But now for the first time in her career she has cast as a peasant woman in Anand Brothers social picture 'Zamin' which will have its all-India premiere next Saturday at Minerva.

Minerva's 'Pukar' is being revived for one week only at Minerva Talkies which provides an opportunity to film fans to see this great production of Sohrab Modi.

Fazli Brothers' latest hit 'Fashion', produced and directed by S. F. Hasnain and starring, Sardar Akhtar, Chandramohan and Sabitadevi has proved to be a record hit of 1943 in the north. It will be released shortly at Roxy.

Durga Khote and Rajbishwas in 'Zamin' coming next week to Minerva.

Jyuthika Ray's Concerts

As was announced before, Jyuthika Ray the famous radio and Gramophone singer has arrived in Bombay and she is giving concerts of her choicest song-hits for three days today (Friday) Saturday and Sunday evening at 5-15 p. m. at Sunderbai Hall, Queen's Road.

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Under instructions from M/s. Eastley Lam & Co., Attorneys for the Executrix, M/s. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY the 17th March, 1944, from 11-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. and the remaining lots from 3 p.m. (N.S.T.) at their Rooms at 120, Apollo Street, Fort, the above mentioned articles belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. C. M. Benaji, well-known Collector of Curios and Antiques.

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NOTICE

THE MORARJEE GOCULDAS SPG. & WVG. CO., LTD.

RE: CLOSURE OF TRANSFER BOOKS AND PAYMENT OF AD INTERIM (114TH) DIVIDEND

AT A MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Company held on 7th March, 1944, it was resolved to pay an ad interim dividend at Rs. 15/- (Rupees Fifteen only) per share for six months ended 31st December, 1943 to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register of the Company in the evening of Thursday, the 23rd March, 1944.

Transfer Books of the Company will remain CLOSED from Friday, the 24th March, 1944 to Thursday, the 6th April 1944, both days inclusive.

Dividend will be paid on and from Monday the 17th April, 1944. Dividend warrants will be posted to the registered addresses of the shareholders. Change of address, if any, should be notified immediately.

By Order of
The Board of Directors,
GANESHNARAYAN PIRAMAL,
Agents.

7th March, 1944.
Sophabaug Rd., Parel, Bombay 12

(8079)

NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING by-products of Barley and Gram will be available for sale from Government stocks. Intending purchasers can see their samples and forward their quotations not later than 5 P.M. on the 12th instant. Further details regarding these by-products may be ascertained in the office of the undersigned.

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Gulabi Gram	(„)
Paper Bags	
Old Gunny Bags	

(Sd.) A. K. RAMAN,
Additional Director of Civil Supplies,
Red Bungalow, Secretariat, BOMBAY.
(8085)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our clients have contracted to purchase the undermentioned property from SAFIABOO, widow of Abdulally Hyderally, HATIMBHAI ABDULALLY, NOMANBHAI ABDULALLY, HASANALLY ABDULALLY, ASMABOO, daughter of Abdulally Hyderally, FATOOBAI daughter of Abdulally Hyderally, RUKHAYABOO, daughter of Abdulally Hyderally and NEMABAI, daughter of Abdulally Hyderally, the heirs and next of kin of Abdulally Hyderally Malbari, deceased and KABRABOO, widow of Abdul Tyeb Malbari, SIRAJ ABDUL TYEB MALBARI, KAMROODIN ABDUL TYEB MALBARI, AMTOOLABOO ABDUL TYEB MALBARI, KHADIJA ABDUL TYEB MALBARI, SUGRABAI ABDUL TYEB MALEARI, FATIMA AEDUL TYEB MALBARI, SAKINABOO AEDUL TYEB MALBARI, and ZUEEDA ABDUL TYEB MALBARI, the heirs and next of kin of Abdul Tyeb Abdulally Malbari, deceased and HATIMBHAI ABDULALLY, the Receiver appointed in Bombay High Court Suit No. 165 of 1944 wherein NEMABAI, daughter of Abdulally Hyderally is the Plaintiff and Safiaboo, widow of Abdulally Hyderally and others and the defendants. Any person or persons having any interest in or claim to the said property or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, maintenance, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, charge, possession, lien, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Whiteaway Laidlaw Building, 2nd floor, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise he, she or they will be precluded from making the same and such claim, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE

ALL that piece or parcel of Fazandari land or ground (whereof Dagduhussein Sarvar Gulam Rasool is the Fazandar) together with the messuage tenements or dwelling house standing thereon, situate at Abdul Rehman Street, otherwise known as Rangari Mohalla in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 175 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 543, New Nos 2644/46, Old Survey No. 1086, New Survey No. 1948 and Cadastral Survey No. 1073 of Bhuleshwar Division and assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward Nos. 26 and 520 and Street Nos. 272 to 278 and 3 Abdul Rehman Street, Mirchi Market Lane and bounded as follows: On the East by the said Abdul Rehman Street, on the West by Public passage known as Mirchi Market Lane, on the North by the property of Ahmed Abdulla Allana and Sulleman Abdulla Allana and on the South by the property of Haji Cassuam Jusab.

Dated this 11th day of March, 1944.

PATELL & EZEKIEL.
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(6081)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of Director, All-India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta, who will also be Professor of Hygiene and Public Health Administration on the following terms:—

PAY—Rs. 2,500-50-2,750 plus overseas pay of £13-6-8 if admissible.

A diploma in Public Health of a recognised University and ability to teach the subjects of Hygiene and Public Health Administration in their widest aspects are essential qualifications for the post.

For further particulars regarding conditions of service and the prescribed form of application apply to the Secretary, Recruitment and Appointments Board, c/o the Public Health Commissioner with the Government of India, Imperial Secretariat, New Delhi.

The last date for the receipt of completed application forms is the 24th March, 1944.

(8045)

G. I. P. RAILWAY—NOTICE

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA having prohibited the carriage by the G. I. P. Railway upto 31-3-1944 of any person desiring to proceed to any of the destinations shown below for the purpose of taking part in the Panch Kalyani Fair at Sonagir, passengers to these stations will not be carried unless they satisfy the Administration that they are not proceeding to their destination for taking part in the Fair:—

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Dabra	Barwasagar
Ant Peth	Nivari
Antri	Teharka
Sithouli	

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. SHAKOOR HASHAM PATEL has contracted for the absolute sale to our client free from all encumbrances of ALL THAT piece or parcel of perpetual Fazandari land or ground together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Tandel Street, in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and containing by admeasurement 149 1/3 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 303, New No. 2019, Old Survey No. 2177 and New Survey No. 3105 and Cadastral Survey No. 1/1536 of Mandvi Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under B Ward No. 3296 and Street Nos. 56-58 and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the North formerly by the property of Mahomed Esmail and now of Kanjibhai Allarakhia, on or towards the East by the said Tandel Street, on or towards the South by the property of the late Jan Mahomed Allana and on or towards the West by the property belonging to the Mahomedan Burial Ground.

ALL persons having any kind of claim whatsoever against the said property are requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Yusuf Building, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be treated as waived.

Dated this 9th day of March, 1944.

NAGINDAS HOOSEINALLY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
8074

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 551 of 1942

VELJI PERAJ & Another .... Plaintiffs.
versus
PADMANAPPA SHANKERAPPA DARGOPATIL & Others ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT TO DECREE Absolute for Sale, dated 9th April, 1943 the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on FRIDAY, 31st March, 1944, at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.)

All that piece of land with the house thereon at Shukrawar Peth, Sholapur, Taluka Sholapur, admeasuring 642 square yards or thereabouts being City Survey No. 4537 and assessed by the Sholapur Municipality under Municipal House No. 736.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. Ranchhoddas & Co., Attorneys for the Plaintiffs above-named at Examiner Press Building, 35, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1944.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA
Commissioner.
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NOTICE.

ELECTRIC LICENSE 1943

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MR. INDRAVADANLAL RATILAL, Sole Proprietor of the ANKLESHWAR ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY submitted an application to the Secretary to the Government Public Works Department, for the grant of License under Section 3 of the I. E. Act, 1910, to supply electric energy throughout the Municipal area of Ankleshwar and the area more particularly delineated on the deposited map by the green boundary line for the purpose and upon the terms specified in the draft license reproduced below.

Copies of the draft license may be obtained on payment of a sum of one rupee per copy and the map of the area of supply may be inspected at the Office of the Ankleshwar Municipality and of the Applicant.

Every local authority, company or persons desirous of making any representation to the local Government or of bringing before it any objection regarding the above application may do so by letter addressed to the Secretary to the Government, Public Works Department.

Within three months from the date of this notice, a copy of the representation or objection being furnished to the applicants at the same time—vide rules 13 and 14 of the Indian Electricity Rules, 1922

The Ankleshwar Electric License, 1943.

License for the Supply of Electrical Energy granted by the Government of Bombay under the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, as amended.

LICENSE is hereby granted to Mr. Indravadanlal Ratilal Hajiseth, sole proprietor of Ankleshwar Electric Supply Company carrying on business under the name and style of Ankleshwar Electric Supply Company and having his office at present at Haji Building No. 2, Bazar Road, Jambusar, for the supply of Electrical Energy in the area, with the powers and upon the terms and conditions as specified below:

1. Short Title:—This license may be cited as "The Ankleshwar Electric License, 1943."

2. Interpretations:—The several words terms and expressions to which by the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, (as amended) or by the Rules thereunder, meanings are assigned shall have in this license and the Annexures hereto the same respective meanings provided that in this license,

(1) "The Act" shall mean the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, (as amended).

(2) "The rules" shall mean the rules made under the Act.

(3) The Expression: "The Licensee" shall mean and include the said Mr. Indravadanlal Ratilal Hajiseth carrying on business in the name and style of Ankleshwar Electric Supply Company and his permitted assigns.

(4) The expression "First Annexure" and "Second Annexure" shall mean the first and second annexures to this license respectively.

(5) The expression "Deposited Map" shall mean the plan of the area of supply as hereinafter specified, which has been deposited with the Government in pursuance of the rules under the Act, which plan is signed, for the purpose of identification, by the Secretary to the Government of Bombay in the Public Works Department and by the license.

(6) The expression "The Government" shall mean the Provincial Government of Bombay.

3. COMMENCEMENT OF THE LICENSE:—This license shall come into force and have effect from the date of the notification by the Government in Bombay Government Gazette, which date is referred to this license as "The Commencement of this License."

4. SECURITY:—The period within which the licensee shall show under clause 1 (a) of the Schedule to the Act that he is in a position fully and efficiently to discharge the duties and obligation imposed upon him by the license throughout the area of supply shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Government under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Act, be one year from the commencement of this license.

(2) Unless otherwise ordered by the Government under clause (b) of Sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Act, the sum which the licensee shall deposit or secure to the satisfaction of the Government under sub-clause (b) of clause 1 of the Schedule to the Act, shall be rupees two thousand and the period within which such sum shall be so deposited or secured shall be three months from the commencement of this license.

5. AREA OF SUPPLY: The area within which the supply of energy is authorised by this license shall be the whole area comprised within the Municipal Limits of the City of Ankleshwar and which are more particularly delineated on the deposited map by a green coloured boundary line, and are bounded as follows:—

NORTH—By River Nerbada.
EAST—By villages Dadhal and Jitali.
WEST—By village Sajod.
SOUTH—By villages Umraoda and Kosamdi.

Provided that nothing in this license shall be construed to prevent the B. B. & C. I. Railway, from generating energy or purchasing it from any other railway or Government Department for its own industrial domestic or other uses.

6. Area of Compulsory supply: (1) The licensee shall within a period of two years from the commencement of this license execute to the satisfaction of the Government of Bombay under clause IV of the Schedule to the Act the following works, viz. such works as may be required for the purpose of a general continuous supply of electrical energy throughout such streets or parts of streets as are mentioned in the first annexure to this license and are coloured red on the deposited map.

(2) In the case of any difference between the description of the streets mentioned in Annexure 1 and that indicated on the deposited map, the latter shall prevail.

(3) The licensee shall every six months submit reports to the Government and also to the Electrical Engineer to Government specifying the progress made upto-date from the commencement of license in the execution of the works in the compulsory area.

(4) If the licensee fails to comply with the above provisions or should, in the opinion of the Government, the progress made during any portion of the said period of two years be unsatisfactory the license may be revoked and the security furnished as per clause 4 (2) above forfeited.

7. Generating Station:—The generating station shall be within the area of supply above referred to.

8. Purposes of Supply:—(1) Subject to the provisions of this license and of the Act and the rules thereunder, the licensee shall be entitled during the continuance of this license to supply energy within the area of supply for all purposes except in bulk to other licensees for distribution purposes.

Provided that no supply of energy shall be commenced to be given by the licensee to any other owner or occupier of private premises until the licensee has completed all the works relating to the license and such works have been inspected by the Electric Inspector, Bombay Province, and passed by him in writing and until Government have approved:—

(a) the form of requisition to be made by such owner or occupier for such supply of energy;

(b) the form of written contract or agreement to be executed or entered into by such owner or occupied with the licensee;

(c) the amount of all miscellaneous charges which the licensee proposes to make against such owner or occupier, as incidental to or in connection with such supply;

Provided further that when all the works have not been completed by the licensee nevertheless desires to commence to give supply of energy in a portion or portions of the area of supply, the licensee shall do so only with the express permission of the Electrical Engineer to Government, whose decision in the matter shall be final.

(2) Clauses V, VI, VII, VIII, X, and XI of the Schedule to the Act shall, wherever necessary be read as expressly added to or varied to the extent set out in the proviso to sub-clause (1) of this clause.

(3) The licensee shall not supply energy to any premises unless the owner or occupier of such premises shall have satisfied the licensee that all work including repairs relating to electric wires, fittings, and apparatus on such premises has been carried out by a licensed electrical contractor and under the supervision of Class I competency certificate holder under the rules issued by the Government in this behalf or by such other person as may be authorised to carry out such works under Rule No. 40-A of the Rules and Clause VI to the Schedule to the Act shall be deemed to be modified accordingly.

9. Systems of Supply:—(A) The systems of supply of energy which may be adopted for the purpose of this license shall be the following:—

Alternating current, single or three phase, three or four wire, periodicity fifty cycles per second. The pressure of supply at the consumer's terminals shall be as under:—

(a) 230 Volt between each phase and neutral for general purposes viz. lights, fans, heaters, etc.

(b) 400 Volts between phases for motive power purposes and purposes other than those specified in i (a) above;

(c) any pressure upto 3300 volts for feeders and for supply to any larger consumers for power purposes.

Provided always (i) that the licensee may from time to time with the previous consent in writing of, and subject to such limitations and conditions as may be prescribed in writing by Government adopt any other system of supply for the purpose of this license and (ii) that no high tension mains shall be brought within or near the populated areas without the specific sanction of Government in each case.

(B) The feeders, distributing mains and service lines may be laid overhead or underground provided that wherever and whenever specifically required to do so in writing by Government, such feeders, distributing mains or service lines shall be laid underground.

Provided also that:

(a) No work or works shall be commenced by the licensee unless and until the method of construction has been previously approved in writing by the Electrical Engineer to Government;

(b) Where any overhead electric supply line crosses or is placed alongside the routes of Tabbot or similar religious processions the wires shall be laid underground or at a height as will allow of the free and safe passage of the processions, or shall be temporarily removed;

(c) In narrow lanes or streets the poles for overhead mains shall be placed at the extreme edge of the lane or street and a special construction to be approved by the Electrical Engineer to Government shall be adopted to keep the wires clear of every building;

(d) No poles for overhead lines shall be erected in streets or thoroughfares less than 8 feet in width for vehicular traffic;

(e) Nothing in this license shall authorise the licensee to use overhead mains at a pressure higher than the medium pressure without the written sanction of Government in each case and subject to any conditions or limitations which Government may prescribe in that behalf.

(C) Due precautions shall be taken to avoid any possible interference with the adjacent telephone or telegraph circuits due to inductive effects. The electric wires shall be suitably transposed where necessary.

(D) For the purpose of rule 68 (2) of the rules, the maximum wind pressure shall be taken as 15 lbs. per square foot.

10. RATES:—Limits of prices to be charged:—The limits of prices to be charged in respect of supply of energy are specified in the Second Annexure to this license. The licensee shall however be entitled to charge special rates not exceeding the maximum charges for energy required for temporary periods for special occasions such as a public or private festival etc., such rates to be decided by agreement before connection is made.

11. BREAKING UP OF STREETS:—The length of trenches to be opened on any one time and the period for which they may remain open, shall be determined from time to time by Government or the local authority by which such streets are repairable.

When any street is crossed not more than one half of the width of such street shall without the specific authority in writing of the Government or the local authority as aforesaid, be closed for traffic.

12. BREAKING UP OF RAILWAYS:—In pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (5) of section 12 of the Act, the licensee is hereby specially authorised within the area of supply to break up the soil and pavement of the portions of the B. B & C. I. Rly. so far only as concerns, level crossings and the portions of the said railway running along the highway Any difference or dispute arising between the licensee and the said railway by reason of the exercise by the licensee of the powers conferred on him by this clause, shall subject to the provisions of section 13 and 16 to be determined by Government whose decision shall be final.

13. PURHASE OF THE UNDERTAKING:—(a) The option of purchase given by section 7 of the Act shall be first exercisable on the expiration of fifty years from the date of the commencement of this license and on the expiration of every subsequent period of 20 years The percentage to be added to the market value on account of compulsory purchase of the lands, buildings, works, materials and plant, shall under the provisions of the second proviso to section 7, sub-section (1) of the Act be 10 per centum.

(b) In accordance with sub-section (2) clause (d) (ii) of section 3 of the Act it is hereby declared that the generating station to be used in connection with the undertaking shall form part of the undertaking for the purpose of purchase under section 5 or section 7 of the Act.

14. ASSIGNMENT OF THE LICENSE:—At any time of the commencement of this license the licensee may, with the previous consent in writing of the Government of Bombay and subject to compliance with such conditions upon which such consent may be given, assign this license or transfer the whole of the undertaking in respect of which this license is granted (including all lands, buildings, works, materials and plant of the licensee) to any individual or Company formed or to be formed and registered in the province of Bombay in accordance with the law for the time being in force in British India, or in Great Britain under any enactment relatment relating to companies for the time being in force there and having authority to take over the license and the said undertaking as the case may be and to exercise the powers and perform the obligations given to or imposed upon the licensee under this license, the Act, and the Rules, and such assignment or transfer the rights, power, authorities, obligations and liabilities of the licensee shall be exercised by and shall attach to such individual or company formed or to be formed as aforesaid.

FIRST ANNEXURE

Area of Compulsory Supply.

1. From Peeraman Naka to Mamlatdar's Kacheri via Goya Bazar Road.

2. From Peeraman Naka to Mamlatdar's Kacheri via Andandi Bhagol, Chauta Bazar and Panchatdi Bazar.

3. From Peeraman Naka to Desai Falia via Halimsha, Kaji Falia, Subhanwad and Samdi Falia.

SECOND ANNEXURE.

Maxima Charges

CLAUSE 1.—The term "Unit" as used in this annexure shall be deemed to mean the energy contained in a current of 1,000 amperes (one thousand amperes) flowing under an electro-motive force of one volt during an hour.

CLAUSE 2.—The following are the maximum which the licensees are entitled to charge:—

(1) For energy used for lighting and fans—A rate of annas six per unit.

(2) For heaters, Refrigerators, and for small power (below 1 h p) purposes—A rate of annas three per unit.

(3) A minimum charge of Rupees three only per calendar month (exclusive of meter rent) shall be charged separately for cases referred to under clauses (1) and (2) irrespective of whether energy to that value has been consumed or not.

(4) For motive power purposes and purposes other than those mentioned in clauses (1) and (2) above the following maximum charges shall be levied:—

(a) Upto and including 3 K.W.—A standing charge of Rs. 3/- per K.W. per mensem plus annas two and pies six per unit.

(b) Over 3 K.Ws.—A standing charge of Rs. 3/- per K.W per mensem plus annas two per unit.

(5) The rents to be charged for meters on hire shall not exceed, Annas eight per month for a single phase A.C. meter, Rupee one per month for a three phase meter.

(6) Where energy is not supplied through a meter, a fixed rate of Rs. 1-8-0 per mensem shall be charged for a twenty watt light and Rs. 1-4-0 for every additional twenty watts or part thereof burning for not more than six hours per night. The maximum wattage to be given to any consumer under this rating shall be watts only.

(7) Without prejudice to anything in the two preceding clauses of this Annexure or in clause 10 of this license the licensee shall be authorised to enter into a contract either with the public or a Municipality or a Railway to supply energy on such basis and on such rates as not to exceed the maximum rates prescribed in in clause 2 of this annexure.

Dated this.....
THE ANKLESHWAR ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.,
Haji Building, Bazar Road,
JAMBUSAR

LEGAL NOTICES

CORRECTION

Re: Suit No. 164 of 1944
Sir J. B. BEHRAM & ORS.
vs.
Miss BANOO B. HIRJI KHOORSHID

In the Notice dated 7th February, 1944, in the above matter which appeared in our issue of 23th February, 1944 under the signature of Messrs. Dabholkar & Jeshtaram the name of the 3rd plaintiff was, through oversight, published as Vaikunth Bangaji Bhende instead of Vaikunth Rangaji Bhende which is the correct name and the words "C. I. B." were wrongly printed instead of "order I. Rule 8." All persons concerned with the above Notice are requested to read the said Notice as corrected herein.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of a temporary Clerk in the grade of Rs. 30-5/2-80, lasting from the 19th March to 27th April, 1944. Applicants should state their caste, age and qualifications. The applications should reach the undersigned on or before the 16th March, 1944, at the least.

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